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TWO SECTION

Raritan Road reconstruction to begin Friday

By David Learn
Managing Editor

If you think rush-hour traffic on Raritan Road is bad now, just wait until Friday.

That's the message Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and the Township Council drove home Monday night as they warned motorists of repairs the county is planning to start at the bridge, which traverses the former Middlesex County Water Co. reservoir near the Clark Volunteer Emergency Services Squad House.

Describing the anticipated traffic backlog as "hell" and "a colossal nightmare," township officials still stressed the necessity of the bridge work and urged residents to avoid the

construction area whenever possible.

"There will be heavy traffic delays, and I believe when school comes back, the traffic's going to be even worse," said Bonaccorso. "I don't like it, but I accept it."

The bridge, on grade with the rest of the road, is two lanes wide. The project will involve tearing out the lanes one at a time so that one side of the bridge is always open to accommodate traffic.

During the first phase, which is set to begin Friday, the county will install a temporary traffic signal to allow traffic flow in alternating directions.

"We're going to do our best to keep the flow moving," said Sgt. Ray Palmer of the Police Department's

Traffic Bureau. "No matter what we do there's going to be heavy delays on Raritan Road."

In the second phase of the project, due to begin in about six months, the half of the bridge that will have been rebuilt will support two lanes of traffic, one in each way.

"It will be tight, but it will be two lanes," said Palmer. "At least that will help out greatly for the last stage."

Raritan Road is a county-owned thoroughway that serves as a major traffic artery from Woodbridge and Edison to Garden State Parkway Exit 135 in Clark. With an estimated 40,000 cars traveling the road each day, Raritan Road sports the busiest and third busiest intersections in the

county, at Central and Westfield avenues.

"Most of the traffic is going to be the Parkway traffic," said Palmer. "The residents know their way around the secondary streets, and as for the transient drivers, I'm sure they're going to find alternate routes."

One alternate route that has been eliminated is for Parkway-bound residents to turn left from Raritan Road onto Featherbed Lane directly before the reservoir. Left turns also are banned from Featherbed Lane onto Raritan Road.

Drivers still could use Featherbed Lane to circumvent the bridge work if they get on the road earlier, through one of the roads that feeds onto Acorn

Drive; or, more circuitously, by taking Meadow Road and Tudor Drive to Featherbed Lane and bypassing Raritan Road almost entirely.

The county is paying for the work through the Bridge Bond Act 1999, approved in a statewide referendum to repair the state's infrastructure.

Officials have said the repairs are necessary because of deteriorating steel supports and concrete. The bridge was built in 1927.

Updates on the bridge work will be made online at www.ourclark.com and through the Web site's e-mail list.

The Valley Road bridge also is being repaired at the moment. County officials hope to finish work there in mid-August.

Originally the county had planned to start the Raritan Road work after the Valley Road bridge had been rebuilt, but pushed the date up after prompting from municipal officials who wanted the project to begin amid reduced traffic volume because of summer vacation schedules.

Second Ward Councilman Peter Nevargic, who also sits on the Clark Traffic Coordinating Committee, felt confident the township would be able to weather the bumps and hiccups that would come with the road construction.

"As we go on from day to day, we'll also be learning something about that traffic situation and how to better it," he said, "so bear with us."

Wild about 'Harry'

Potter fans await next installment

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Unless you've been comatose for the last several months, you're probably aware that the new Harry Potter novel is coming out Saturday.

"Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth book in the runaway broomstick of J.K. Rowling's children's literature will go on sale Saturday morning, to the delight of fans who have waited three long years since "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

"My perception from being on the book floor and selling books to kids, my impression is that it's done wonders for the children's book industry," said Carol Ann Koert, community relations manager for Barnes & Noble on Central Avenue. "Kids that read Harry Potter, they're more interested in reading."

Despite its small start as children's literature — the Harry Potter series, although successful, didn't become a true cultural phenomenon until "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" was released — the series has gained widespread appeal.

"We have seniors coming in to preorder this book for themselves, to advanced readers who have read the first four," said Koert. "It's pretty funny how this book has grown across the spectrum."

During the past three years, where the only new Harry Potter has been the release of two feature films based on the first two books in the series, that reading has meant increased sales for other children's authors, such as Artemis Fowl and Lemony Snicket.

"Because Harry Potter hasn't been here for three years, we've



Photos By Reena Rose Sibayan

Evan Perrotta, 5, checks out a table of boxed sets of the past four Harry Potter tomes at Barnes & Noble on Raritan Road.

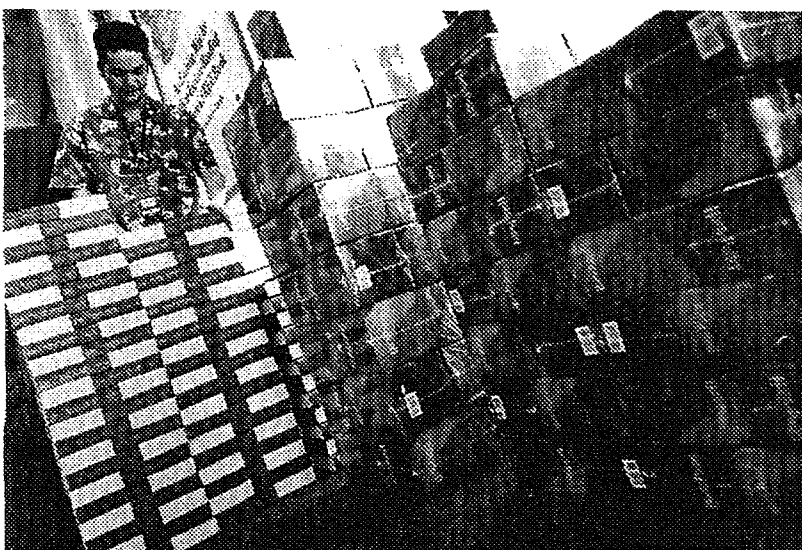
been able to get kids to read other things," said Koert.

But with the fifth, highly anticipated Harry Potter book finally coming out, Barnes & Noble, like other bookstores nationwide, will be hosting special events Friday night to herald the book's arrival.

The store will stay open past midnight Friday with an evening of entertainment even a muggle could enjoy.

The highlight of the evening won't be a game of quidditch — the game of choice in the wizarding world — although event organizers hope the program, in the planning since February, will get their guests flying just as high.

For starters, a sorting hat will break children into four different teams, each named after a different house at Hogwarts School of See PARTY, Page 2



In anticipation of the building Harry Potter frenzy, Barnes & Noble employee Joe Toma lays out copy upon copy of previously published adventures of the boy wizard.

Social club called victim of April raid

By David Learn
Managing Editor

When all is said and done, attorney Lewis Coe feels the Clark Knights of Columbus are owed an apology.

Coe, who is representing the Knights of Columbus in a hearing to renew its liquor license, contends the integrity of the organization was besmirched by a police raid at a party held there earlier this spring.

The hearing had been scheduled to follow the Township Council meeting Monday night, but has been postponed.

"It's not going to make a whole lot of difference" when the hearing is held, said Township Attorney Joseph Triarsi. "But it'll probably be done in July."

At the moment, the hearing is on hold until Coe has had time to review the basic facts of the party and the raid, including details culled from Police Department reports.

Among the items Coe wants to receive are details of the arrest reports, and audio recordings of the police radio transmissions for the hour leading up to the raid.

"If it disappears, I will be extremely upset," Coe said. "And if I find out that police were going through the cell phones and not the public airwaves, I'll be even more upset and want to talk to your chief about that."

The arrests happened during a party April 26 at the Westfield Avenue hall of the Knights of Columbus.

Police arrested three teens for underage drinking, and charged two of them with drug-related offenses. One of those students — identified as Dominic Malanga, 18, of 6 Whitley Terrace — reportedly had 200 tablets of Ecstasy when he was arrested.

Coe identified Malanga as the one who had rented the hall, ostensibly for an older brother's graduation party.

Coe portrayed the Knights of Columbus as a victimized group that rose to the situation and did its best to control and even shut down the situation once they realized the party was not the graduation party they had

been expecting.

"Forty-five minutes into it, after they started, the guys said to themselves, 'It's a graduation party. Where are the parents, the aunts and relatives?'" Coe said. "Immediately they had people on the door because things didn't smell right."

The incident could affect the club's ability to serve alcohol because it happened on club property, even though the function was by an outside group.

At the time of the arrests, police noted that the raid came at the end of a month-long investigation.

"If you have a month-long investigation and you're watching this kid, how could you let this go on?" Coe asked. "Do you think they could have let them know who they were renting to?"

In addition to the Knights of Columbus, there are six other clubs in Clark that have liquor licenses, including the Deutscher Club on Featherbed Lane, the American Hungarian Citizens Club of Rahway on Old Raritan Road, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7363 on Broadway, American Legion Clark Post 328 on Westfield Avenue and Liberty Street, The Gran Centurions on Madison Hill Road, and the Polish Cultural Foundation on Broadway.

Liquor licenses cost \$150 a year to renew, and are good from July 1 to June 30 the following year.

The VFW on June 2 had not provided Township Clerk Kathleen Leonard with a list of its officers, as required by the laws governing liquor licenses.

The VFW since has given its officer roles to the clerk and was approved for license renewal along with six other clubs.

The Gran Centurions license received approval for a liquor license renewal, on the condition its fire alarm system meet the approval of Fire Official Frank Ceresa.

If the Gran Centurions fails to satisfy Ceresa with its fire alarm system See CLUB, Page 2

Wording obscures ruling's intent

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark School District officials know they have money to make repairs — they're just not sure how much money and which repairs.

The reason for the uncertainty stems from a June 3 decision by state Commissioner of Education William Librera. In his decision, Librera authorized the Board of Education to sell \$19,204,980 million in construction bonds to make repairs at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

The problem is, the school district doesn't want to enter \$19.5 million in long-term debt, and it would like to do more than repair the high school.

"Internally we don't believe that's what he meant to write," Business Administrator William Takacs said Tuesday morning.

Tom Rosenthal, a spokesman for the state Department of Education, said the department generally does not issue clarifications to the commissioner's decisions, but said he would try to get an explanation.

There was no further comment from the department by presstime Tuesday.

The \$19.2 million figure is the total cost of the school repairs, which include work at Carl H. Kumpf Middle School, and at Frank K. Hehny and Valley Road elementary schools. Forty percent of that will be paid by the state, which leaves the school district picking up only \$11,522,988 in long-term debt.

But Librera's decision authorizes the school district to enter \$19.2 million. If the district

state were to give them matching funds, the district could find itself with a much higher amount to work with.

It won't happen, Takacs said. "We would have no reason to," he said. "With his restriction of no new building, we would have no use for \$26 million."

The Board of Education also is seeking clarification from the state Department of Education on exactly what work it's allowed to do.

Librera's decision stipulated that he was not authorizing construction of new classrooms, that the Board of Education was to perform repairs at the high school only.

The problem is that the \$19.2 million figure originally was intended to pay for repair work at the district's three other schools as well.

The district has sent a letter to Librera asking for clarification. At press time Tuesday, no response had come.

Under the arrangement as school officials understand it — where the school district would borrow \$11,522,988 — the money would be repaid over a 20-year period.

At a projected 4 percent interest rate, that means taxpayers will pay 12 cents for every \$100 of assessed value, said Takacs.

"I'm assuming at this point that 4 percent would be worst case," said Takacs. "It should come in at less than that, but it shouldn't make that much difference overall."

For the owner of the average township home, assessed at \$118,000, the annual tax impact would be

Bridge work under way



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

Crews continue to work on the Goodmans Crossing bridge on the Clark border with Scotch Plains. The bridge is being widened to two lanes. Both lanes will be open when the bridge is finished.

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Party to unite Harry Potter fans

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Witchcraft and Wizardry, where Harry is a student.

Unlike the school's sorting hat, which announces its decision after assessing the child's personality and gifts, the store's sorting hat will get its voice from a nearby store employee who will try to keep friends together.

The party will run until midnight, when it becomes Saturday and the book officially can be sold.

"Last time for Harry Potter they were open until 3, but last time they didn't have a party, they just sold the book."

The party also will include a contest to find a Harry Potter lookalike. The bookstore is expecting a crowd.

"They're still trying to figure out the numbers," Koert said Friday. "It's going to be a pretty busy weekend."

Readers already have preordered about 1,000 copies of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" from the Clark bookstore.

Once those are sold, more are on the way. Scholastic has ordered a record-breaking 8.5 million copies printed.

"We'll be restocked by Monday, hopefully," said Koert. "We will see."

The series describes the adventures of a teenage

British boy who discovered his magical heritage when he turned 11 and was invited to attend Hogwarts.

Although he has lived with his aunt and uncle and their son, Harry discovers he is actually famous throughout the wizarding world because as an infant he survived an attack by Voldemort, the evil wizard in Rowling's books, who returned to his full power at the end "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire."

Although it has encouraged publicity for the book's release, American publisher Scholastic Inc. has kept a tight lid on the book itself, to the point that staff at Barnes & Noble didn't even know when the books would arrive.

The book's release may be a big day for Harry Potter fans throughout the area, but there are no events planned at Clark Public Library to celebrate the event.

"We aren't doing anything special, other than we're getting eight or nine copies of the book," said children's library Kathy Percoco.

The library will show the movie release of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone at 4 p.m. June 26, followed by "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" on July 3.

Club liquor licenses get renewal

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by June 30, its license renewal will be revoked.

Calls to Cerasa's office went unanswered. An answering machine or voice mail system there was either malfunctioning or full.

Whatever happens to the Gran Centurions, Coe believes the course of action to be taken with the Knights of Columbus should be obvious.

"I think this case calls for a total dismissal and an apology to the club," said Coe.

SENIOR NEWS

Seniors to meet today

The Clark senior monthly meeting will be held at 1 p.m. today in the cafeteria of the senior center, 430 Westfield Ave.

Guest speaker will be Judson Stein, elder law attorney, of Livingston, who will talk on "Asset Protection" or simply, keeping assets in the family. Stein will answer questions from the audience.

Prior to the meeting, free blood pressure and quick cholesterol testing will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Monthly general meetings are held at 1 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the cafeteria of the Senior Center, 430 Westfield Ave.

For more information, call Lillian B. Krov at 732-381-3823.

For more information, call Ann Miskovic, AARP trip coordinator, at 732-388-4033.

Classes, activities offered

The following activities have been scheduled for the Clark Department of Seniors:

Line dancing, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. June 30 in the gym with instructor Phyllis McGarry.

Exercise sessions, 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, with instructor Evelyn Panish. Dates are today; Tuesday; and June 26.

Arts and crafts, 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the cafeteria with instructor Helen Rokosny.

For more information, call director Lillian B. Krov at 732-381-3823.

to reserve a seat on the bus, Mondays through Fridays, except holidays.

Call the same number if it becomes necessary to cancel your reservation. The schedule is subject to change.

Mondays: morning, ShopRite; afternoon, Clark shops, library, Municipal Building.

Tuesdays: morning, Union Plaza, Pathmark/National Wholesale Liquidators; afternoon, Watchung/Blue Star.

Wednesdays: first Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall; second Wednesday, Menlo Park Mall; third Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall; fourth Wednesday, Middlesex Mall; if a fifth Wednesday, Woodbridge Mall.

Thursdays: morning, ShopRite; afternoon, Clark shops, library and Municipal Building.

Fridays: morning, A&P, Kmart and Wal-Mart; afternoon, Aviation Plaza, Linden; last Friday of month: A&P and Route 1 East Brunswick Flea Market, weather permitting.

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- For more information, call Lillian B. Krov at 732-311-3823.

Sunday

- The Clark Republican Civic Association will sponsor an Atlantic City bus trip to Caesar's Palace, leaving from the Arthur L. Johnson High School parking lot at 9 a.m. and returning at 7 p.m.
- Reservations cost \$25 with a \$13 coin redemption at the casino. Light refreshments will be served on the bus. Call Sonny Brattole at 732-381-0452.
- The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane.
- For more information, call the Red Cross at 908-353-2500.

Monday

- The Zoning Board of Adjustment will meet at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers, 380 Westfield Ave.
- The township's Legislative Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 30 of the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 430 Westfield Ave.

Tuesday

- The Planning Board will meet at 8 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in the Public Safety Building, 315 Westfield Ave.

Wednesday

- The Board of Trustees of Clark Public Library will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Ayers Community Room at the library, 303 Westfield Ave.

Upcoming

June 25

- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will show construction videos, featuring trucks and diggers, haulers and rollers, made for children 3 to 8 years old, at 10:30 a.m.

June 26

- Clark Public Library, 303 Westfield Ave., will hold a storytime with accompanying craft at 11 a.m. Listen to stories, and make your own growth chart. All ages invited.
- The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a blood drive from 3 to 8:30 p.m. at Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road. For more information, call 908-353-2500.

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E. Orange man arrested after chase

An East Orange man was taken to jail after leading police on a chase early Friday morning.

Tawan Terrell, 30, of 170 N. Oration Parkway, East Orange, was charged with eluding arrest, hindering arrest and tampering with public documents.

Police provided no details about the arrest or what prompted it. A statement from police indicates that they chased Terrell north along the Garden State Parkway in a motor vehicle and on foot before he was arrested.

Unable to pay \$10,000 bail, Terrell was taken to Union County Jail.

No other information was available.

While investigating a motor-vehicle theft from a Rose Terrace residence, police charged Sean Murphy, 22, of 785 Audrey Drive, Rahway, with receiving stolen property.

The car was reported stolen at 2:06 a.m. Monday. Murphy was arrested at 2:13 a.m.

Bail was set at \$20,000, with additional warrants worth \$3,179 from Elizabeth and Linden for contempt of court.

Unable to post bail, Murphy was taken to Union County Jail.

A Rahway man was charged with possessing weapons for an unlawful purpose at 2:37 p.m. Friday.

Nicholas Nistico, 18, of 244 Rudolph Ave., Rahway, was arrested

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at the Police Department.

He was released on his own recognition.

A golfer at the Hyatt Hills Golf Complex on Raritan Road reported a stolen wallet, at 11:54 a.m. June 9.

No information was available about what was in the wallet when it was stolen.

Investors Savings Bank on Westfield Avenue reported receiving bad checks, at 7:48 a.m. June 9.

Police did not say how much the checks were worth.

A Valley Road resident reported an incident of criminal mischief at 8:19 p.m. June 9.

No other information was available about the incident.

Police moved an Iselin man from one jail to another when he was unable to post bail on an alleged offense in Clark.

Richard Colacicco, 43, of 89 Trenton St., Iselin, was at the Middlesex County Corrections Facility at 9:57 a.m. June 10 when Clark police arrived with a contempt-of-court warrant.

When Colacicco was unable to pay \$800, Clark police took him to Union County Jail.

An incident of criminal mischief at a Raritan Road business was

reported at 4:51 p.m. June 10.

Police did not identify the business or the nature of the mischief.

The Fire Department extinguished an oven fire on Ivy Street at 2:12 p.m. June 11.

Police and fire officials were summoned to a Victoria Drive residence where smoke was spotted, at 3:27 p.m. June 11.

The smoke was linked to a malfunctioning air conditioning unit, said police, who turned the scene over to the Fire Department to handle.

Unspecified criminal mischief was reported to a motor vehicle in a Central Avenue business parking lot, at 8:11 p.m. June 11.

There was trouble on Elm Street the night of June 11, but it wasn't because of crime.

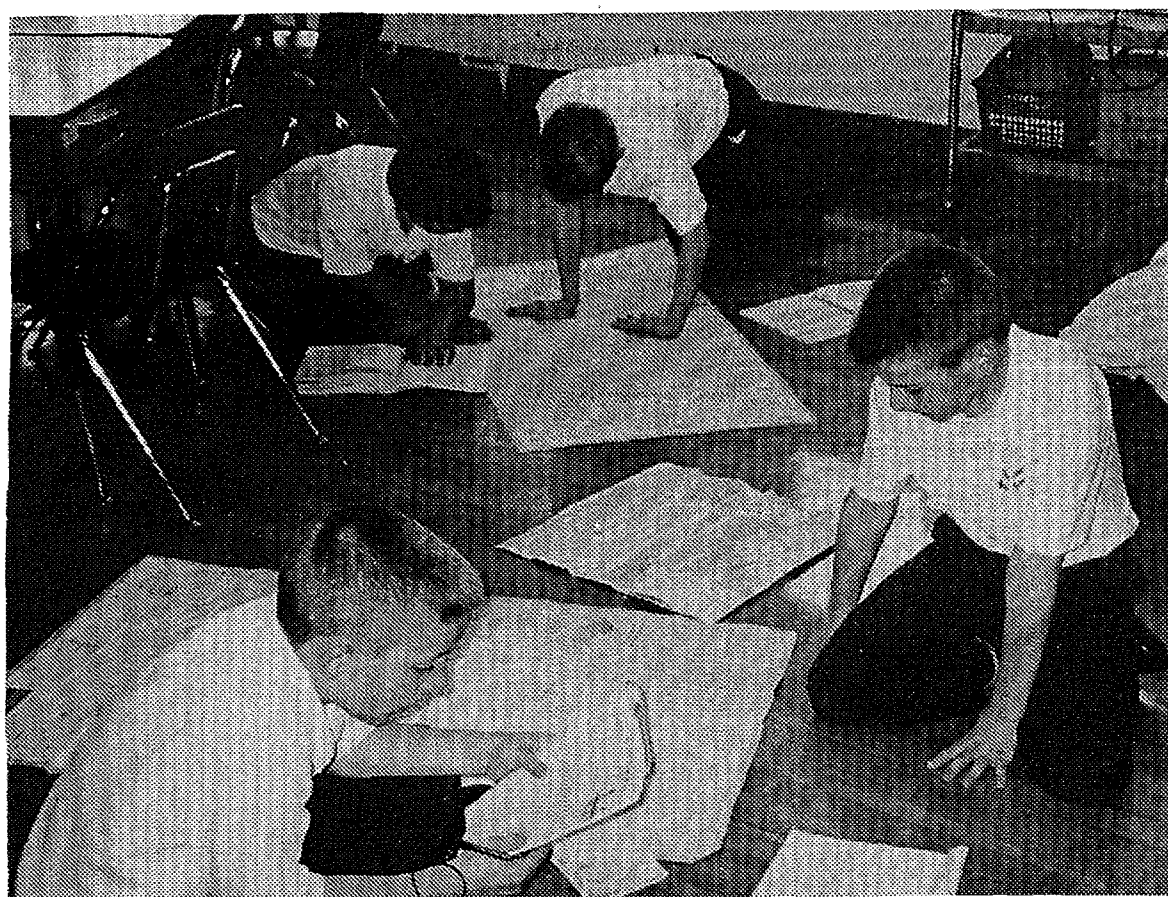
The problem reportedly lay in the phone. Police had responded to a 911 hang-up from an Elm Street home, but the resident said it was a fault with his phone line.

A fence was reported damaged at 53 Sweet Briar Drive, at 8:37 a.m. June 12.

Police arrested Kimberly Williams, 25, of 208 E. Elizabeth Ave., Linden, on an outstanding contempt-of-court warrant at 11:06 p.m. June 12.

Williams had been held at the Linden Police Department prior to the arrival of Clark police.

Map skills through lake spotting



Fourth-graders of St. John the Apostle School in Clark tackle a map skills project that involves locating lakes in New Jersey. The students are learning about the state as part of their curriculum.

Council boosts pay rates for work police do off the job

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Clark police officers got their wish Monday night when the Township Council agreed to increase the money police can collect for off-duty work.

The new rates apply to work such as providing security detail and directing traffic, which fall outside the scope of the regular job descriptions of Clark police. Police who perform such jobs are paid by the person or company that needs the service.

Under the new ordinance, the Clark Policemen's Benevolent Association Local 125 can charge \$45 an hour for traffic detail at a work site that is not being paid for by the township. Employers would have to pay for a minimum four hours of work. Other charges include a 15-percent

administrative fee and a \$10-a-day fee for use of a police car.

When the township is paying for the work, the hourly fee is \$35, increasing to \$42.50 after eight hours. The contractor performing the work also would have to pay an 8-percent administrative fee.

The 8-percent administrative fee carries over to work details involving the Board of Education or other school-related organizations and activities, such as the graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. today at Arthur L. Johnson High School.

In work details connected to the schools, the hourly rate for the officer's time is \$25, with no minimum number of hours.

The ordinance also sets a \$30 hourly fee for other outdoor jobs that

do not involve traffic work. In those situations, the township also would charge \$10 a day for the use of a police car, and would charge a 15-percent administrative fee.

In any event an off-duty police officer is needed for extra duty, the money is paid to the township and then later given to the officer. The township itself never pays the officer for work performed outside regular hours.

The PBA had asked for the rate increase Feb. 25 in a memo sent to Council President Jim Ulrich that cited the higher rates charged for similar services in other municipalities.

Clark's rates last were increased on Jan. 1, 1999.

Clark officials, workers given legal protection

You can't fight City Hall, the saying goes, and now you can't even sue the people who work there.

The Township Council by unanimous vote Monday night approved an ordinance to indemnify municipal employees and officials in the event of lawsuits prompted by actions they take as part of their official duties.

The ordinance covers municipal employees from the business administrator down to the Department of Public Works staff, elected officials such as the mayor, and appointed officials such as members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The ordinance does not provide protection to people providing legal or engineering services to the town-

ship unless they are part- or full-time employees. It also makes exceptions for situations where the employee or official legally is required to indemnify the township as a condition of being appointed or hired.

The township also is allowed to deny legal defense to employees and officials if the Township Council judges that the employee or official acted outside their authority, with malice or if it providing the legal assistance would create a conflict of interest.

Fourth of July celebration include rides, fireworks

The township will kick off its annual Independence Day celebration at 4:30 p.m. July 4.

The event will feature free chil-

dren's rides and will include food vendors outside the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, 400 Westfield Ave.

Fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. behind Arthur L. Johnson High School, 365 Westfield Ave.

Recreation programs ready to get under way

The Clark Recreation Department is preparing to run its 2003 summer recreation program.

The program will run 9 a.m. to noon weekdays from July 7 to Aug. 14. The program is open to children from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The Recreation Department also will run a tennis clinic during July.

For more information about the program, call 732-388-3009.

Outages planned for weekend

By David Learn
Managing Editor

Residents can expect controlled power outages in parts of the township Saturday morning and afternoon and again Tuesday morning.

The power loss won't be due to a storm, an accident or a faulty utility line. Instead, the outages are part of a system upgrade being performed by Public Service Electric and Gas Co.

"We are upgrading our facilities in the area," said Karen Johnson, a spokeswoman for PSE&G. "That makes it necessary for us to shut off power to some areas for brief times."

About 500 households or businesses will be affected by the power shut-down, which will be staggered into three separate blocks, from 7 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's not everybody," said Johnson. "It's those in the affected areas."

The outages won't even necessarily affect every home and business on the targeted streets, Clark police said.

Homes that will be affected by the power shut-down already have been notified through direct mailing; additionally, Johnson said, the electric utility has talked with businesses to ensure that the shut-down will not adversely affect their businesses at important times of the day or through essential equipment.

"The reason really, is to upgrade our system so it can handle today's electrical needs," said Johnson.

The Saturday morning outage will affect Westfield Avenue south of Kathryn Street, and on Kathryn, Washington, Stanton, Adams, Fan, Ivy and Joseph streets.

On Saturday afternoon, the outages will affect Madison Hill Road, Walter Drive, Shadow Lane, Lake Avenue and Raritan Road from Madison Hill Road to Lake Avenue.

The outages Tuesday morning will target Mildred and Brentwood terraces, Dorset Drive, Surrey Road, Devon Lane and Byron Place.

If weather prevents PSE&G from performing the upgrades on Saturday, the work will take place at the same time on June 28, regardless of the weather.

The rain date for Tuesday's work is Wednesday.

Blood pressure, glucose screenings offered

The Clark Health Department in conjunction with Complete Care Medical Center of Scotch Plains, will offer free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings to Clark residents at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m. today.

No appointment is necessary. A two-hour fast is required for the blood sugar test. For more information, contact Health Officer Nancy Raymond at the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building, at 732-388-3600, ext. 3045.

Congratulations to all our 2003 Graduating Seniors.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

EDITORIALS

In the loop

With work now under way to prepare a development master plan review, it's important that the township make the commitment right now to keep the public informed when those plans are submitted.

The current administration so far has had a decent record on openness, but there is room for improvement. While the administration has not flatly refused to release public documents and records, it hasn't exactly gone out of its way to increase public awareness either. Perhaps the most egregious example of this attitude is the recently approved development master plan. The master plan was kept on file in the Township Clerk's Office, but with the proviso that no copies be released.

The underlying motivation for this decision, stated several times by Mayor Sal Bonaccorso and by members of the Township Council, is that he wanted to keep rumor and innuendo from spreading and undermining the Planning Board's ability to process the plan. In a sense, that may be understandable, but it also indicates a profound distrust in the general public's ability to be a meaningful part of the governing process.

Defenders of this low-key approach consistently refer to the 2000 master plan proposal and the tremendous negative backlash from the public that ultimately sank the plan when it came time for a vote. Let rumor spread, and that will happen again.

But surely this misses the point. The reason hundreds of residents protested the master plan in 2000 wasn't because they were alarmed by rumors. It was because they were informed, knew what the master plan called for, and wanted to make sure their voices were heard, and that included Bonaccorso. That sort of civic responsibility is what our society is built upon, and it is something the administration should encourage, not dread.

That means keeping a copy on file at the Township Clerk's Office, but it also means making copies readily available to anyone who requests them, whether they work in the news media or live down the street, whether they're on the Planning Board, the Township Council or in another political party. It also should mean leaving a copy at Clark Public Library so people can review it there after the Municipal Building has closed.

On Monday evening, the Township Council approved paying planning consultants Heyer, Gruel and Associates \$2,500 to undertake a review of the master plan and provide more details on essential areas such as traffic and historic preservation. That money came from the taxpayers, and as soon as that study comes in, it's essential that the administration make it immediately available to the people who paid for it.

A new beginning?

What does it mean to be a Democrat? In last year's election locally as well as nationally, the answer seemed perfectly clear: Being a Democrat means you're not a Republican.

That's an identity crisis the Democratic leadership elected June 9 is going to have to resolve if it hopes to have a resurgence in political clout next year and begin recapturing some seats on the Township Council.

Nancy Sheridan, elected municipal party chairwoman to replace Carmine Giordano, named a number of areas where the current, Republican administration and council have failed to deliver the goods, from traffic and development to openness and adequate representation.

As ideas go, those are all fine and good, but what ultimately will make the difference for the chances of Democrats in the long term is whether the Democratic Party comes across as a party with ideas and the energy to bring them to fruition, or merely as a party that stands on the sidelines and criticizes.

That was one of the problems Clark Democrats faced during the 2002 council race, when campaign literature spent an inordinate effort criticizing Mayor Sal Bonaccorso, who was not running for re-election, and even made an issue about Business Administrator John Laezza and his inglorious departure from Cranford five years ago. Some literature that did focus on the council race was a little better, such as the flier for 2nd Ward candidate Paul Hadsall Jr. that depicted his Republican opponent as the devil.

Make no mistake: Clark needs its local Democratic Party, but what it needs is a local Democratic Party with vision and fresh ideas. Party leaders have just less than a year to find viable candidates and not much longer than that to develop a viable political platform that will attract voters with its innovations and not alienate them with stale rhetoric.

"Never let anyone keep you contained and never let anyone keep your voice silent."
—Adam Clayton Powell Jr., politician



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

FATHER'S DAY — Robert Lidlow and his son Liam, 2½, share a little father-son time on the Funtime Junction sliding board by the Charles H. Brewer Municipal Building. Now that's quality time for making memories.

Technology has changed work around house

There used to be quite a number of useful items back in the good old days that we thought might remain unchanged forever.

For some things we may have been right, for a hammer today is almost identical to one of 100 years ago, although if you wander through a modern hardware store you might be amazed at the variety of specialized hammers on the shelves.

Carpet tacks are still around, but a modern installer of carpets will usually use some sort of automatic nail gun. His grandfather had to place each tack into position and hammer it home by hand. The box that held the tacks claimed that the tacks were sterilized, because the user found it convenient to hold a number of tacks in his mouth for easy dispensing.

These days if a home project involves a gluing operation, a trip to the local hardware store may be necessary in order to purchase just the right glue for the job.

It also may be necessary to study the labels to decide which glue is best for the task on hand, and then decide if a tube, cartridge, can or syringe should be the container to hold that glue, and what quantity should be bought.

Father never had that kind of trouble in gluing a project. His favorite adhesive was hot glue, which he prepared on the kitchen stove.

If there was none left from some other job, he would place a sufficient amount of glue pellets in a discarded tin can, add a little water, and let it stand overnight.

The Way It Was

By William Frolich

When he was ready to use it, he put the can into a double boiler and heated it on the stove. In time, this would produce a sticky, syrupy mass and a slightly fishy odor, but it was an excellent glue.

It was also a quickly setting glue, for it remained usable only while it was hot. There was little time to make adjustments if the joining pieces were misaligned, so Father had to work rapidly.

There was at least one advantage with this hot glue. The unused portion could be left in the tin can until it was needed again, and it was a good as new when reheated in the double boiler. It is quite possible that Father would not have used a modern hot glue gun if he had had one.

Another form of homemade adhesive was flour paste, which was very good for school projects where pieces and small bits of paper had to be fastened together.

This glue was easy to make. All that was needed was some flour from the pantry, a little water and a container to hold the paste. A small dish could be used as the container, for the unused portion of the paste could be washed down the kitchen sink, and the dish returned to its normal use. If this mixture of flour and water were placed in a closed jar it might

remain usable for a couple of months, although sometimes it might get moldy.

It may seem difficult to imagine life without Scotch tape, but that very useful item has not been with us throughout history.

Years ago we did have a form of sticky tape that worked all right, but only because that 3M product had not been invented yet. The tape we had was a strip of tissue paper, coated on one side with a water-soluble glue.

Each piece had to be wetted in order to soften the glue, and the usual method was to lick it with your tongue and then press it into place. This method occasionally resulted in a paper cut on your tongue, not serious but annoying.

This tape had another disadvantage as it was not fully transparent, although words could be distinguished through it. There were some uses for it in mending torn pages in books, but only because we had nothing better. Cellophane tape was a tremendous improvement.

Cellophane itself was quite an improvement over other types of wrapping material.

We were familiar with an early form of plastic known as Celluloid that had an extensive use in making cheap toys and some household items, but this new, clear film had many more uses.

It could be used to wrap up all sorts of packages and held in place instantly with the new tape. It could be obtained in colors as well as clear film, making any gifts much prettier.

There were other things that are almost indispensable today that we did not have back in the good old days, and that was office equipment.

About the closest thing we had to a photocopier was a blueprint machine, and making blueprints was about all for which it was used.

We had typewriters, although they were not electric, and a key had to be struck for every mark to be made on the paper.

For multiple copies of a typewritten page we did have carbon paper that allowed us to make as many as three or four copies at one time.

It could be embarrassing and annoying, however, to finish typing a page and then find that the carbon paper had been inserted backwards, and all that we had were mirror images on the reverse of our pages.

We did have a couple of other methods of duplicating written work, but they were nothing like a modern copier.

There was the mimeograph machine, which could crank out page after page of copywork, but only as long as the stencil did not tear or wrinkle, or the tank run out of ink. The quality of the reproduction rarely matched the original, and ink blots were common.

No tears have been shed because of that machine's absence from an office.

William Frolich is a member of the Union County Historical Society and a frequent contributor to this paper.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame gun makers for deaths

To the Editor:

I would like to respond to "The Problem Solver" column concerning gun manufacturers that appeared in your June 5 edition of *The Clark Eagle*.

Firearms are a lawfully manufactured product. To sue a manufacturer of a product because of misuse of that product is wrong and completely ridiculous. It is like holding a brewing company responsible if an underage person drinks their beer, get drunk, gets in a car and kills someone. Why not also sue the car manufacturer?

The firearms business is among the most heavily regulated business in the nation, and all legitimate gun dealers must be licensed by the federal government in order to sell guns, not to mention various state and local laws.

When a gun manufacturer ships a gun to a federally licensed dealer who is responsible for abiding by all federal, state and local laws. It is totally absurd to think that the gun manufacturer should monitor the sale of his product any more than Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. should monitor to whom Joe's Liquor Store sells its beer, or the Chrysler Corp. to monitor who drives their cars.

The firearms industry is the most persecuted and vilified industry in the nation today, not because their products are necessarily the most dangerous of unsafe, but because anti-gun faction in our nation today just hate guns, and will do anything they can to drive this once honorable and respected industry out of business.

William Wolen
Clark

and Shriver families.

Martha McLoughlin
Cranford

Bill aims to reduce N.J. smog levels

To the Editor:

I know we have a serious problem with air pollution, whether we recognize it or not. In Union County, we have an average of 11 to 15 smog violation days a year in which it is literally unhealthy to go outside, particularly for those of us suffering from asthma or chronic lung disease. Most of this pollution comes from the cars we drive, so thankfully we have an opportunity to reverse this trend.

The Clean Cars Act would reduce smog levels in New Jersey by 19 percent by the year 2020, without tightening emissions standards or taking cars off the road. We can thank State Senator Tom Kean Jr. for being a strong supporter of this measure. We have until June 30 to pass the Clean Cars Act, when the legislature closes its current session. Unfortunately, the bill is bogged down in the Budget and Appropriations Committee, despite the fact that it won't cost the state a dime. Hopefully the rest of Senator Kean's colleagues will take the public's health seriously and move this bill closer to realization.

Timothy D. Hinkle
Summit

Our policy on letters and columns

The Clark Eagle welcomes submissions from its readers. Letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

The Eagle reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

Letters must be no more than 500 words long; longer pieces must be arranged in advance with the editor.

The Eagle accepts letters to the editor and guest columns via e-mail. The address is editorial@thelocalsource.com.

Letters and essays also may be sent via U.S. mail to 1291 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, 07083. Letters and guest columns must be received by 9 a.m. Monday.


Kennedys were good to the disabled

To the Editor:

We who are disabled are grateful to our former late U.S. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, and his family. JFK was always kind to his disabled sister, Rosemary, escorting her to dances while they were young adults, and making her feel like a perfectly healthy girl.

JFK's sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and Sargent Shriver, started the Special Olympics. JFK's niece, Maria Shriver, who is a talented writer, wrote a compassionate book about a mentally challenged boy.

As a Cranford girl who had spent time in a special education class because of a slight learning disability in math, I'm personally grateful to the Kennedy



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EVENTS

Civic association plans bus trip to Atlantic City

The Clark Republican Civic Association is sponsoring a bus ride to Caesars Palace in Atlantic City on Sunday.

The bus will leave from Arthur L. Johnson High School parking lot at 9 a.m., depart Atlantic City at 5 p.m. and return to Clark at 7 p.m.

Reservations cost \$25 with a \$13 coin redemption at the casino. Light refreshments will be served on the bus.

Seating is limited. Call Sonny Brattole at 732-381-0452.

Competitive soccer clinic offers chance to visit Italy

The Clark Soccer Club, in cooperation with Parma AC of the Italian First Division, will run a soccer camp at Arthur L. Johnson High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14 to 18.

Only 100 players 7 to 14 years old will be accepted. The top player in the camp, chosen by the Parma coaches, will be sent to Italy to train with the appropriate Parma youth team.

A coach's clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 19.

For more information call 732-396-4466.

ALJ Class of 1978 plans 25th-year reunion in Clark

The Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School Class of 1978, will hold its 25-year reunion Oct. 17 to 19, with a series of five venues.

The three-day weekend will begin Oct. 17 morning with a golf outing at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains. The cost will be \$65 per person.

Spouses of alumni, friends and family members will be welcome to play. The cost will include golf carts and food that will be served at the beginning, after nine holes, and at the end of the outing.

Later on Friday evening, there will be a pre-reunion get-together at the Valley Mill Bar and Grill, inside the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road.

The official class reunion will take place from 7 p.m. to midnight Oct. 18 in the Colonade Room of the Gran Centurions, 440 Madison Hill Road.

Classmates should send details about their whereabouts and other classmates to Norm Marcocci, reunion chairman, 3000 Ford Road, Apt. L-10, Bristol, PA 19007.

Marcocci also can be contacted at 215-788-3504 or via e-mail at ALJ-ClassOf1978@yahoo.com.

Volunteer commended

Kevin Kurzweil, a senior at Arthur L. Johnson High School, recently received an award from the Union County Juvenile Officer's Association that included a Certificate of Merit and a U.S. Savings Bond. This award is given yearly to a senior who unselfishly has given time to the school or community and who exemplifies those qualities that best represent the values of the Juvenile Officers Association. Kurzweil is shown with Robert Samecki, who made the presentation.

EDUCATION

St. Agnes student poetry included in anthology

Earlier this year, students from St. Agnes School entered a poetry contest for young poets from New Jersey.

Thirteen fifth-grade students and a fourth-grader were chosen to have their poems published in the upcoming "A Celebration of Young Poets" anthology.

Officials of Creative Communications Inc. of Logan, Utah, said the students and teachers of St. Agnes School should feel honored, as there

were thousands of entries in this contest and most are not invited to be published.

"The students who were accepted make a strong statement about St. Agnes School," Creative Communications said in a release about the selection. "Being published represents a lot of talent, hard work and dedication from the teachers and the students. Publishing the high merit poems from our contest creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today's students."

Hehnlly School shows art done by its students

Its hallways displayed like a museum gallery, Frank K. Hehnlly School hosted two art shows May 28 as students brought parents and friends to view and appreciate their works of art.

There were nearly 1,000 pieces of student artwork in the show. Every kindergarten through fifth-grade student was represented.

Noelle Salzano, Hehnlly School's art teacher, has built the art program

by teaching about an artist every month. Art classes at Hehnlly School are taught without the benefit of a central art room.

Students learned about multiple artists and the art show displayed themes from each one.

Student artwork represented the style and techniques of Claude Monet, Georgia O'Keeffe, Andy Warhol, Mary Cassatt, Pablo Picasso and Edward Hopper, as well as showing various projects about various color schemes.

OBITUARIES

Harold Morris Jr.

Harold G. Morris Jr., 55, of Knoxville, Tenn., formerly of Clark, died June 7 in the Park West Hospital, Knoxville.

Born in Union, Mr. Morris lived in Clark before moving to Knoxville 25 years ago.

He spent more than 30 years in various financial management and executive posts, including senior auditor at Main LaFrenz & Co., Certified Public Accountants, New York City; controller/treasurer of the Chemical Separations Corp., Knoxville; group controller at Macawber Engineering, Maryville, Tenn.; controller/treasurer of W.J. Savage Co., Knoxville, and president of Tengesco Inc., Knoxville.

Mr. Morris was a business and accounting graduate of St. Peter's College, Jersey City. He also was a certified fraud examiner.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Dorothy; two sons, Robert and Tim; a daughter, Sara; his mother, Bernadine Morris; three sisters, Maureen Hudak, Carol Craig and Karen Petrino, and two brothers, Arthur and Don.

Catherine Bass

Catherine Bass, 92, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 8 at home.

Born in Jamaica, N.Y., Mrs. Bass lived in Elizabeth before moving to Clark 50 years ago.

She was a founding member of the First Assembly of God Church, Elizabeth.

Surviving are two daughters, Grace C. Shallo and Lois G. Kennedy; two sisters, Genevieve Carson and Stella Lewentowicz; a brother, John Jaremko; nine grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Beth Meltzer

Beth Meltzer, 57, of Clark, formerly of Union, died June 9 in Union Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Meltzer lived in Union before moving to Clark 34 years ago.

She was a financial processor with Prudential Financial, Edison, for 10 years.

Surviving are her husband, Alan; a son, Joshua, and a sister, Sindra Reidy.

Myrtle Savin

Myrtle Savin, 80, of Margate, Fla.,

formerly of Clark and Elizabeth, died June 10 in Northwest Medical Center, Margate.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Savin lived in Clark and Elizabeth before moving to Margate 15 years ago.

She was a member of the Deborah Foundation, Browns Mills.

Surviving are her husband, Morton; a daughter, Sandra; a son, David; a sister, Terri Jatlow, and two grandchildren.

Edmond Ficke Jr.

Edmond F. Ficke Jr., 73, of Clark died June 11 in Rahway Hospital.

Born in Linden, Mr. Ficke lived in Roselle before moving to Clark 62 years ago.

He was a television technician at Corky's Television, Clark, for 30 years and retired in 1991.

Mr. Ficke was a veteran of the peacetime Army. He belonged to the American Legion Post 328 of Clark and the Mountinside Elks Lodge 1585.

Mr. Ficke also was a past trustee of the Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Nancy; three sons, David, Christopher and Glenn; two sisters, Betty

Waterson and Robin Scoocca; a brother, Donald, and four grandchildren.

Thomas L. Reina

Thomas L. Reina, 66, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 12 in New York University Hospital, New York City.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Reina moved to Clark 38 years ago.

He was a hairdresser and the owner and operator of Shangri-La Beauty Salon in Clark and Innovations Salon in Garwood for 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Lena; two sons, Charles and Thomas; a daughter, Linda Juzefyk; a sister, Sandy Bellomo, and four grandchildren.

Frank Cistaro Sr.

Frank J. Cistaro Sr., 85, of Clark, formerly of Elizabeth, died June 12 in Kensington Court Assisted Living, Tinton Falls.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Cistaro moved to Clark 53 years ago.

He was a machinist for Singer Manufacturing, Elizabeth, for more than 35 years before retiring many years ago.

Mr. Cistaro served as a master sergeant in the Army during World War II.

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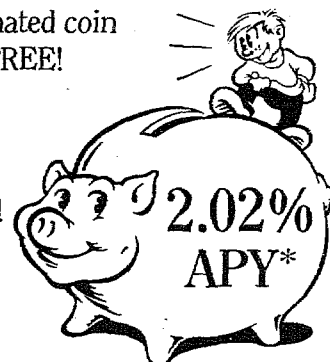


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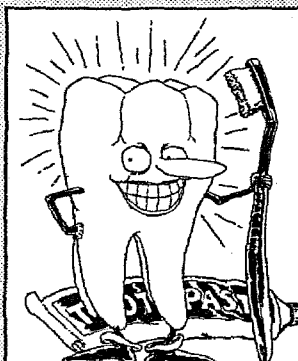
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STUDENT UPDATE

Dittmar and Sweeney graduate from Bowdoin

Bowdoin College awarded degrees to the following Cranford residents:

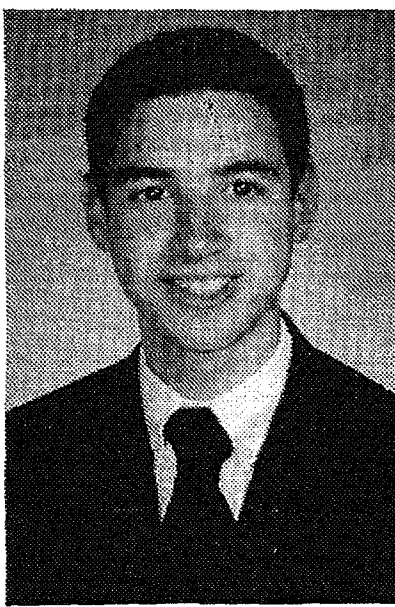
• **Bethany Catherine Dittmar** of Cranford was awarded a bachelor of arts degree. She graduated cum laude with a major in German. Her minor was in psychology. She received high honors in German.

In addition she received a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship in Germany.

Dittmar is a graduate of Cranford High School.

• **Edward Michael Sweeney Jr.** was awarded a bachelor's degree. He graduated with a major in geology. His minor was in economics. He received honors in geology.

Sweeney is a graduate of Delbarton School.



Brian M. Goldstein

Goldstein honored at U. of Delaware

Lauren E. Goldstein of Cranford was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, a

national honor society for superior scholars from all colleges of University of Delaware.

Goldstein also received an Alumni

Honors Day Book Award. The award is given to a sophomore or junior in each college at the university who has a sincere desire for knowledge and has participated in extracurricular activities designed to help fellow students achieve academic success.

Welsh receives award for business management

Erin Welsh of Cranford, who was awarded a bachelor's degree during Providence College commencement ceremonies May 18 was recently honored for her academic achievements.

Welsh was the recipient of the Sovereign Bank of New England Award for Business Management. A management major, Welsh graduated with magna cum laude honors.

She was the president of the Board of Programmers at Providence College, and was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Tau Pi Phi business administration honor society. She will attend Seton Hall Law School.

Accounting scholarship awarded to Goldstein

Brian M. Goldstein, a resident of Cranford and a student at Cranford High School, recently was awarded an accounting scholarship of \$3,500 for four years or \$5,000 for five years from the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants, Union County chapter.

The scholarship was presented at the 43rd Annual NJSCPA Scholarships Awards Ceremony on April 3 at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place, Iselin, where more than \$275,000 was awarded to 80 New Jersey high school and college students.

PTC awards scholarships to ten CHS graduates

The Cranford Parent Teacher Council has awarded its 2003 Ruth Janovisik Scholarship to Rachel Baker, Tara Brennan, Samantha Burns, Michael Dooley, Jennifer Nist, Michael Polidoro, Dennis Rasmussen, Sergio Sciancalepore, Adam

SWIFT AND JIMMY WILSON.

Awards were announced at the senior awards night June 3 at Cranford High School. The scholarships, worth \$8,000, were awarded based on financial need to 10 Cranford High School seniors attending an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Donations to the scholarship fund can be made by sending a check to Cranford Parent Teacher Council, 132 Thomas St., Cranford, NJ 07016. An acknowledgement card is sent to the honoree or their family.

VIA plans garage sale to aid Canine Companions

The General Federation of Women's Club Cranford Village Improvement Association will hold a garage sale Sept. 13 at the home of GFWC Cranford VIA President Marge Bowman. Funds raised have been earmarked for Canine Companions for Independence.

An installation pot luck dinner will be held Tuesday at the home of Elaine Hamilton for the induction of new members.

For more information about the Cranford VIA's evening meetings held the fourth Tuesday of every month, contact Hamilton at 908-272-1022.

WORSHIP CALENDAR

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NJIT dean's list

New Jersey Institute of Technology recently named two Cranford undergraduate students, Lisa Kardos and Matthew Venditti, to the dean's list for the spring 2003 semester.

To be named to the dean's list at NJIT, students must be matriculated in an academic program; have completed 12 or more credits; and maintained a grade point average of at least 3.0 out of 4.0.

They also must have received no incomplete grades or any grades lower than a C.

SENIOR NEWS

Wednesday club

The Cranford Seniors Wednesday Club is planning upcoming trips to Showboat casino in Atlantic City.

The club is planning a five-day, four-night trip to Wildwood Crest from Sept. 1-5.

Package includes round trip motor coach transportation; deluxe room accommodations at the Regal Plaza for four nights, full breakfast daily in the hotel; and dine-around dinners in area restaurants including \$10 of food at the casino.

The trip also will feature four nights of entertainment including a Performing Arts Center show featuring The Quails; a dinner-comedy show at The Grand Hotel, Cape May; a gala night with prizes, music and dancing; a trip to an Atlantic City casino with bonus package.

Among activities included in the trip are a stop at Smithville Village on the way home, with lunch extra; a paddle wheel cruise with entertainment; a visit to the Cape May County Zoo; a basket of cheer for cocktail party; a poolside pizza party; a round of miniature golf and ice cream on Boardwalk; unlimited rides on old-fashioned trolleys; free time to enjoy the pool and beaches.

Call Helen Harmon at 908-276-2845, or Arleen at 908-272-5441. Rates are \$275 per person for double occupancy; and \$340 for single occupancy. A deposit of \$75 per person is required, with final payment due July 14.

For more information about the club, call Elaine Barbuto at 908-276-5535.

Thursday Club

Cranford Seniors Thursday Club meets at Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m.

The club will offer the following programs during June:

Today — auction.
June 26 — Bunco. Bring donations for Cranford Family Care.
The following trips are planned:

• Tuesday — Atlantic City trip to Caesars. Cranford departure. Call 908-272-5828 for reservations.

• Sept 22-Oct. 10 — Las Vegas and national parks, including Grand Canyon and Branson. \$1,991 double occupancy. Call 908-272-5375 for more information.

The public is welcome on all trips. Cranford departure. Call 908-272-5375 for more information.

Tai chi classes to be held

An ongoing beginner's tai chi class for Cranford seniors 60 and older meets 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave.

The class will end mid-September. Tai chi chuan participants will use gentle movements to exercise every part of the body, which is vital for good health.

Tai chi movements improve balance and coordination, and teach practitioners to use their bodies in an efficient comfortable and healthier way. It is often referred to as "moving meditation," making it a way to reduce stress for those seniors with busy lifestyles. Classes are free.

For more information, call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

Senior movies in June

Senior movies are available to Cranford residents 60 and older, free at the Cranford Community Center, 220 Walnut Ave., in the audiovisual room. Movies begin at 11 a.m. The line-up for June movies as follows:

• Monday: "Crossing Delancey," 97 minutes. Can an independent, contemporary woman find happiness with a guy who sells pickles? This story stars Amy Irving, an intelligent Jewish woman whose grandmother solicits the services of a matchmaker to find the "perfect man" for her granddaughter.

• June 30: "Dennis the Menace," 96 minutes. This comedy is not just for children. Great performance by

Walter Matthau, who plays Dennis' much-put-upon neighbor, Mr. Wilson.

Summer aerobics offered

The Cranford Recreation and Parks Department will provide an additional aerobics class for the spring/summer season for Cranford seniors ages 60 and older.

Class will be held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, ending mid-September. Emphasis will be on movement, with senior chair dancing, sweating to the oldies and other popular classical/pop music.

Participants are encouraged to go through the routine at their own pace. Classes are free, but space is limited.

For more information call the Recreation and Parks Department at 908-709-7283.

AARP Chapter 4269

Cranford AARP Chapter 4269 is offering the following trips:

• Showboat in Atlantic City on Monday, leaving from the Lincoln Avenue School parking lot at 8:45 a.m.

The cost is \$15, with a casino bonus. Another trip is planned for Aug. 27.

• Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut on Oct. 9, for \$26, with a \$10 food and \$10 play bonus. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex parking lot.

• Sight and Sound in Lancaster, Pa., to see "The Miracle of Christmas" on Dec. 11. Trip includes a family-style dinner at the Good and Plenty restaurant. The cost is \$84. Departure is from the Centennial Avenue Pool Complex parking lot.

Call Michael Doncrank at 908-486-6679 for reservations and information.

AARP meetings are held at Lincoln Avenue School on Centennial Avenue, at 9:30 a.m., and are open to the public.

Scheduled seminars being sponsored by AARP will tackle telemarketing, predatory lending, protection,

prescription drugs, age discrimination and affordable utilities. Reservations are required.

Call Ethyl McEntyre at 908-245-9018 for more information.

Friday Club

The Cranford Seniors Friday Club meets at the Community Center, 222 Walnut Ave., at 1 p.m.

The following activities are planned for June:

Friday: Social/Bingo.

June 27: Social/Bingo.

The following trips have been planned:

• Aug. 20: Country Hoe-Down, Mount Haven Country Resort, Millford, Pa.

Indoor and outdoor activities, plus breakfast buffet and dinner choice of sirloin of beef, Virginia ham, chicken or chili, and four-hour open bar. Cost is \$55. The event will run 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

• Oct. 22: Fall foliage tour. Narrated tour through the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Luncheon at the Inn at Hunts' Landing. Cost is \$45. Event will run 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on June 6, 2003.

ORDINANCE 03-21
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK TO PROVIDE LEGAL COUNSEL AND INDEMNIFICATION FOR OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CLARK IN CERTAIN ACTIONS BROUGHT AGAINST SAID OFFICIALS, EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES
Kathleen Leonard
Township Clerk
U7351 CCE June 19, 2003 (\$9.30)

CORPORATION NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the following Ordinance was duly adopted and approved on final reading at a Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council, Township of Clark on June 16, 2003.

ORDINANCE 03-22
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR OUTSIDE POLICE DETAILS UNDERTAKEN BY MEMBERS OF THE CLARK POLICE DEPARTMENT
Kathleen Leonard
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Cranford Colts booters improve record to 5-1-2

The Cranford Colts 10-and-under girls' traveling soccer team did well to defeat New Brunswick 3-1.

With the victory, Cranford improved its record to 5-1-2.

Emily Baumann played excellent in goal, while Sarah Gugliucci, Kimberly LaFronz, Sarah Quinn and Nicole Somma excelled on defense.

Rebecca Shafer, Julie Langone, Colleen Jones, Natalie Englese, Kelly O'Dowd, Alexia Preucil, Kellie Campbell and Nicole Kleiman played well on offense. Who scored the goals was not reported.

Kelly Miller missed the game due to a family commitment.

Kowals, Connexion both have just one blemish

The following are Clark Men's Softball League standings as of June 13:

1. Doral/Butch Kowals (10-1)
2. Arena Sports Connexion (8-1)
3. Wrays Diggers (10-4)
4. Sutton Trucking (7-3)
5. Clark Circle Liquors (6-3)
6. Georges Catch 27 (6-6)
7. Team Cingular (4-5)
8. Ironbound Heating (3-6)
9. Oakes Deli & Grille (4-8)
10. Advanced Home Wiring (3-8)
11. Breeze Eastern (2-10)
12. Premier Q. Electric (2-11)

Soccer camp in Cranford the week of July 14-18

The Cranford Soccer Club is sponsoring a soccer camp July 14-18, which uses the Coerver Method, acclaimed to be the world's finest soccer skills teaching method.

Call Bob Cashill at 908-755-9696 for more information.

Hoop camp has 2 weeks

Roselle Catholic's All-County Basketball Camp is gearing up for its 21st season.

The first week is June 23-27 and the second July 7-11, both from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school on Raritan Road in Roselle.

Camp directors Pat Hagan and Joe Skrec are both back at the helm, ready to instill basketball fundamentals into the youngsters players in the area.

The camp is open to boys and girls, ages 8 to 16, who can choose to attend one or both weeks.

Roselle Catholic is home to one of the finest gymnasiums in the state, with both indoor and outdoor courts utilized for camp.

Because of their long association with high school ball, Hagan and Skrec are firm believers in emphasizing the basics of the game.

The camp stresses dribbling, shooting and passing, as well as the importance of team play.

Good sportsmanship is always a priority, in every aspect of the camp schedule. Campers are grouped according to age, physical maturity and overall ability.

The typical camp day includes individual instruction, station drills, foul shooting, one-on-one play, as well as full games.

Because the student-to-staff ratio is purposely kept low for more individualized instruction, prospective campers are encouraged to get their registrations in early, to avoid being put on the waiting list.

Brochures and registration forms may be obtained by calling 908-245-2350 or 908-241-3657.

Softball tourney July 18-20

Teams and sponsors are sought for the third annual Anthony Signorello Memorial Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, which is July 18, 19 and 20.

All teams are guaranteed of playing three games.

More information may be obtained by calling Dan Petrosky at 908-298-8657.

Championship campaign

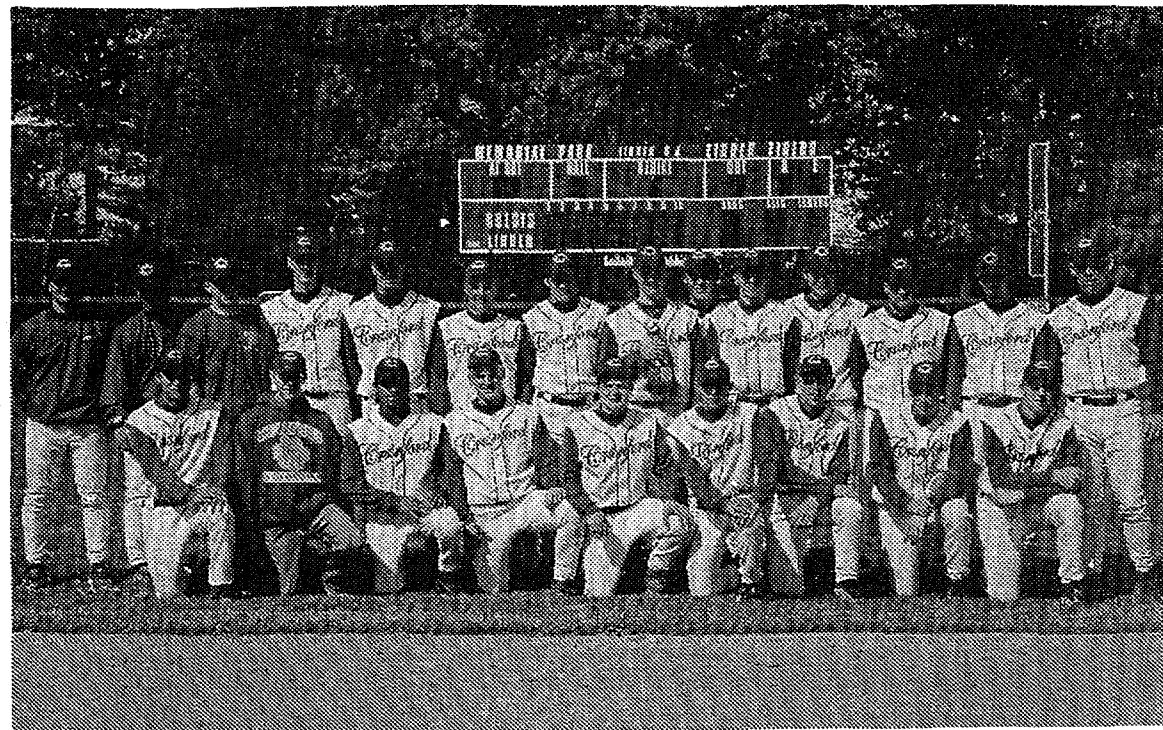


Photo by Jeff Wolfrum

The Cranford High School baseball team proved to be the best in Union County again and one of the best in the state as well, reaching the Group 3 final for the third time since 1997. The Cougars finished 19-8 and did well to bounce back from an uncharacteristic 10-13 finish last season. Cranford captured its fourth UCT championship in the past five seasons and won North 2, Group 3 for the fourth time since winning all of Group 3 in 1997.

A season to remember for Johnson boys' lacrosse Nolan, Megill honored for outstanding play

By Jeff Wolfrum
Staff Writer

A season to remember.

That's what this past campaign was for Kevin Nolan and the Johnson High School boys' lacrosse team.

Nolan finished the season by becoming the state's second all-time leading scorer behind former Johnson stand-out Matt Poskay.

Nolan's steady play throughout the year helped the Crusaders finish with a mark of 11-7.

Johnson's season came to an end on May 23 when it dropped a 14-6 decision to Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft in the second round of the NJSIAA/PSEG Tournament.

In first-round play on May 22, Johnson defeated visiting New Providence 15-8. Bryan Klimchak led the attack with five goals and two assists, while Wayne Giampino added four goals to build a 15-5 lead after three quarters.

Johnson participated in the first-ever Union County Tournament and reached the semifinals before falling to eventual winner Summit 14-3 on May 19 at Kean University in Union. Klimchak led the Crusaders with two goals.

A memorable moment took place on May 15 as Nolan recorded six goals and five assists in a 16-8 victory at Clifton to move into second place behind Poskay on the state's all-time scoring list. The senior attackman passed the mark of 383 points established by Whitney Hayes of Princeton. Nolan had 396 points up to that date. Poskay holds the record with 362 goals and 106 assists for 468 points.

The day after, Johnson dropped a 10-8 decision at Morristown-Beard to bring its record to 10-5.

After starting the season with a 14-7 loss to visiting Westfield on April 1, Johnson responded by winning two of its next three contests to even its record at 2-2.

The last win in that stretch came in a 10-4 triumph at North Hunterdon on April 19. Nick Manginelli scored five goals and Nolan contributed two goals and four assists.

Two days later, the Crusaders lost a hard-fought 4-3 decision to visiting Chatham. Giampino found the net twice, while Scott Kozachek had the other goal. Nolan chipped in with two assists, while goalkeeper Tom Sousa made 12 saves.

Johnson then won four straight to bring its record to 6-3. The third victory in that run was another highlight in Nolan's career as he scored three goals and dished out five assists in a 13-2 home win over Millburn on April 28. Nolan became the state's all-time assist leader.

Nolan entered the game tied at 228 with Hayes and passed him early in the contest on a feed from behind the cage to Giampino.

Manginelli and Giampino contributed three goals each, while Klimchak added two goals and two assists.

Two days later, Nolan played the hero in a 12-11 overtime triumph against visiting Kinnelon. Just 10 seconds into overtime, Nolan converted off a feed from defenseman Ray Megill.

After losing its next contest on May 3 to fall to 6-4, Nolan played a huge role in helping Johnson win its next three in a row to improve to 9-4.

On May 5, Nolan had a season-high seven goals in a 9-7 victory over visiting Don Bosco Prep.

Two days later, Nolan had a hand in the Crusaders' 11-10 win at Bergen Catholic. Nolan tied the game at 10-10 with 7:27 left in the third quarter and then set up Klimchak for the game-winner midway through the fourth.

Nolan then led the attack with two goals and five assists in an 18-3 triumph over visiting Oratory Prep in the first round of the UCT on May 13. Kevin Swiere chipped in with four goals, while Klimchak and Manginelli had three goals apiece.

NOTES: Nolan finished sixth in the state in scoring with 40 goals and 56 assists for 96 points. He was a Second Team All-State selection by The Star-Ledger.

Nolan will continue at Washington College. He finished second in the state in career scoring with 408 points, behind former teammate Matt Poskay at 468.

Poskay was a member of the Virginia team that won the National Championship this season. As a freshman, Poskay scored seven goals, with five of them coming in the NCAA Tournament.

Poskay finished seventh in goals among Atlantic Coast Conference freshmen and his play helped the Cavaliers set a team record for wins in a 15-2 season.

Virginia defeated Johns Hopkins 9-7 in the NCAA Tournament championship game on May 26 before a record-crowd of 37,944 in Baltimore, Md.

Megill, who will continue at the University of Maryland, was a First Team All-State selection. He and Nolan also earned All-Waterman Division honors.

Megill, who scored 10 goals for the Crusaders this past season, netted one and assisted on two others to help the Waterman Division defeat the Fitch Division 16-7 in the nightcap of last Saturday's New Jersey Lacrosse Jamboree at Montclair State University in Upper Montclair. The Gibbs Division downed the Fitch Division 9-6.

Camps are offered for Clark and Cranford youngsters

The following is a look at camps available this summer:

CLARK SOCCER

The Clark Soccer Club, in cooperation with Parma, A.C., a professional soccer team of the Italian First Division-Serie A, will present a Summer Soccer Camp from July 14-18 at Johnson High School in Clark.

Only 100 players will be accepted to the camp, which is open to boys and girls ages 7-14.

The top player in the camp, as chosen by the Parma coaches, will be offered a free trip to Italy for one week to practice and live with the appropriate Parma youth team.

A coaches clinic will be held on July 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the top players from the camp will be used to demonstrate all drills.

More information may be obtained by calling 732-396-4466 or 732-371-6797.

Camp information may also be found on the website of www.ital-camp.com.

CRANFORD BASKETBALL

The Cranford PAL 2003 Cougar Girls Basketball Camp, under the direction of Cranford High School girls' basketball coach Brian Chapman, is July 14-18 at Cranford from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The camp is for girls entering grades 3-9.

More information or a camp brochure may be obtained by calling Chapman at 908-709-6223 or 908-553-0687.

INDIANS BASKETBALL

The 8th annual Indians Basketball Camp is now accepting registrations for its four weeks of summer basketball camp. The camp is open to boys and girls entering grades 2 through 10 and will be held at Rahway High School.

The camp is open to youngsters who reside outside of Rahway as well.

Boys & Girls Club has forum July 11

Free event intended for area youth participating in sports

In celebration of the 2003 WNBA All-Star Game, The Boys & Girls Club of Union County and KD Communications Group present The Game - On & Off The Court, a grass-roots educational sports forum, July 11 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Union County.

The educational forum is a free event intended for area youth participating in sports in Union County.

Young people will join current WNBA players, sports professionals, sports columnists and sportscasters in exciting dialogue about The Game - On & Off The Court.

Frank discussions on topics such as, "The urban market and the influences it has had on the GAME," "Why are professional athletes' heroic figures in the eyes of the youth around the work?" and "What responsibility do athletes have to the youth, if any?"

"We are excited to host this educational event with KD Communications Group," said Mario Genovese, Director of the Boys & Girls Club in Union County. "This program has the purpose and intent to educate and engage its attendees 'up close and personal' by allowing the young people an opportunity to interact with invited WNBA players as well as the 'players' behind the scene."

Panelists include: Wendi Huntley, Attorney, Spec Group Ltd; Pamela Frazier, Casting Director, Classic Entertainment; Rodney Washington, VP of Investments/NFL Players Association Financial Advisor, USB Paine Weber; Kim Culligan, Associate Director of Athletics, Kean University; Ron Farina, swimming and diving coach, Seton Hall University; Mike Smart, head track and field coach, Essex County College; Tracey Martin, Physical Trainer, Work It Fitness; Otis Livingston, Sports Anchor, NBC 4; Leigh Purrell, Agent Advisor, Sport Management Worldwide.

"Our motivation is to simply expose to the area youth the multiple career options and opportunities available to them - within the sports industry," said Dawn A. Jones, partner with KD Communications Group. "We will also discuss other options and careers that are within arms reach of the GAME even if you are not an athlete, since, statistically, only two percent of hopeful athletes actually become professional ballplayers," said Kellie Dutton, partner with KD Communications Group.

KD Communications Group is a public relations, event management and speaker placement firm based in Philadelphia, Pa. with offices in Dover, Del. and Gaithersburg, Md.

A limited amount of tickets are available for Boys & Girls Club members.

More information about The Game - On & Off The Court or upcoming events may be obtained by calling the KD Communications Group at 215-729-8718 or by visiting its website at: www.kdcomm.com.

Dayton, Ridge golf teams win MVC championships

Brearley's Partelow and Johnson's Yesinko capture individual crowns

Union County area golfers from Brearley, Dayton, Johnson, Governor Livingston and Oratory Prep excelled at last month's Mountain Valley Conference championships.

Both were contested at the Warren Brook Golf Course in Warren, the Valley Division on May 27 and the Mountain Division on May 28.

Dayton won the Valley team title with a score of 386.

Brearley's Barry Partelow won the individual crown with a score of 81 on the 6,074-yard course.

Teams: 1-Dayton 386. 2-Brearley 392. 3-Union Catholic 423. 4-Roselle Park 452. 5-Roselle 523.

Individuals: 1-Barry Partelow, Brearley, 81. 2-Ross Kravetz, Dayton, 89. 3-Mike Tiss, Dayton, 92. 4-Kevin DelMauro, Union Catholic, 93. 5-Anthony LaBruno, Brearley 94. 6-Adam Sherman, Dayton, 99.

Ridge won the Mountain team title with a score of 318.

Johnson sophomore Dan Yesinko won the individual crown with a score of 76.

Teams: 1-Ridge 318. 2-Immaculata 332. 3-Oratory Prep 336. 4-Johnson 337. 5-Governor Livingston 358. 6-New Providence 377. 7-North Plainfield 382.

Individuals: 1-Dan Yesinko, Johnson, 76. 2-Kevin Foley, Immaculata and Lauren Braswell, Ridge, 77. 3-Steve Foley, Immaculata; Ken Suarez, Oratory and Brian Leveille, Ridge, 78. 4-Steve Suarez, Oratory and David Chung, GL, 79. 5-Marc Baecht, Ridge, 80. 6-Tom Hill, Johnson, 81.

Outstanding Chung leads Union County in Freedom Cup: Chung was named Outstanding Golfer in leading Union County to an 8-4 victory over the Greater Middlesex Conference in last month's annual Freedom Cup matches at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains.

Chung, runner-up at the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions on May 19, teamed with Jack Davis of Scotch Plains to win alternate shot match and with Partelow to win a better-ball match. Chung also defeated Justin Rohrig of Monroe, 3 and 2, in match play.

Partelow and Ryan Shallcross, who helped Westfield win the team title at the Tournament of Champions, each had a hand in two victories for Union County.

Camps are offered for Clark and Cranford youngsters

Sessions include Week One: June 23-27, Week Two: July 7-11, Week Three: July 21-25 and Week Four: July 28-Aug. 1.

Indians Basketball Camp has quickly grown in popularity. The quality instruction each child receives comes from successful high school coaches who stress the fundamentals of the game, while at the same time ensure each camper has fun.

The camp revolves around non-stop basketball, which every camper participates in. If a camper isn't being instructed on all aspects of the game, he or she is in a competition or basketball activity. Sitting and non-activity or not options.

Rahway athletic director Tom Lewis and assistant athletic director John Petela, both former Rahway head coaches, are the camp directors.

Their staff boasts of high school coaches who know the game and know how to teach the game.

The fee for one week is \$130, for two \$220, for three \$310 and for four \$400. Each camper will receive an Indians Basketball Camp T-Shirt.

More information may be obtained by calling Lewis at 732-396-1101.

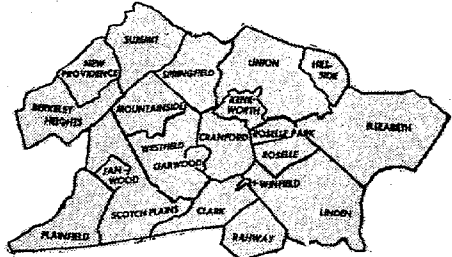
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Immediate problems

A long time ago, as a young councilman in Roselle Park the toilet in my little apartment overflowed. Immediately calling my friend the plumber, he stunned me saying, "I'd love to help you, but as a local plumbing inspector, it may be wrong for me to do the work."

My response was quick and pointed, "Stop the flooding, we will worry about the legalities later."

Left Out

By Frank Capece

Another guy who faced an immediate problem was Congressman Michael Ferguson. Three years ago, as he faced a stiffer-than-expected challenge from Democrat Maryann Connelly, Ferguson relied on a \$525,000 loan from his parents.

Not a bad situation to have a family who can cough up that kind of dough. In fact, of the \$2.4 million he spent in the campaign, \$878,000 came from Ferguson and his family.

Last week the Federal Election Commission got around to ruling on a complaint filed by the state Democratic Party, that the loan from his family trust was an illegal campaign contribution. Obviously serious, they hit Ferguson with a whopping \$210,000 fine.

The vote was 4-2 with Commissioner Bradley Smith leading the opposition. Smith's own appointment to the agency had been a major struggle between Democrats in the Senate and President George W. Bush.

The congressional bid was the second for Ferguson. Two years earlier he was defeated handily by incumbent Frank Pallone Jr. Ferguson then moved to the Union County district, where he defeated another lad of means, Thomas Kean Jr., in the primary. Kean had moved from Massachusetts to run for the seat. The pressure on Ferguson to win was clear.

Former State Democratic Chairman Thomas Giblin went so far as to claim that but for the illegal contribution, Ferguson would have lost to Connelly. That may be even worse, if the money can be so decisive in winning an open Congressional seat.

It should be hard for Democrats to complain about buying a seat. That same year Jon Corzine spent \$70 million in his successful effort to capture a U.S. Senate seat.

The legal difference is that under federal rules, you can spend unlimited funds of your own money, but if the money in big amounts comes from your parents that becomes a violation.

Look at poor John Kerry, the senator running for president. His wife, the heir to the Heinz ketchup fortune, can only give small amounts to support her husband's efforts.

It seems an unfair distinction. It leaves me supporting the argument of conservative columnist George

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Bush pushes for tax cuts

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

President George W. Bush stopped by New Jersey earlier this week where he toured a pasta factory in Orange and made a speech in Elizabeth on the importance of small businesses.

"In order for our economy to recover, we must remember the strength and importance of the small business owner in America," Bush said.

Air Force One arrived at Newark International Airport at 9:55 a.m. on Monday. From there, the president traveled to Andrea Foods, a pasta factory in Orange. After touring the facility, Bush arrived at the Wyndham Newark Airport Hotel in Elizabeth and delivered a short speech, emphasizing how important small businesses are to the economy.

"I just came from Orange, New Jersey and I went by the Andrea Food pasta factory," said Bush.

The president said he was struck by the diversity in Orange. "I saw a lot of nationalities as I drove through."

Youth is served

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Guests seat themselves at cafeteria tables. Students serve brightly decorated bowls. But the bowls are empty.

The purpose of the Empty Soup Dinner, planned for next year, is to emphasize the need for volunteers at homeless shelters.

"We want them to go home hungry to see how other people feel," said Jessica Hogan, president of Youth for United Way.

Youth for United Way is a volunteer program at Linden High School. Approximately 20 students, advised by teacher Esther Paden, collaborate with United Way of Greater Union County on community service activities.

The students got the idea for the

Bush spoke about his new tax relief plan, saying that under the plan all Americans will have more money in their pockets, encouraging businesses to make more investments and showing investors that Americans want to invest more.

"The money we spend in Washington is not the government's money," said Bush. "When you get some money in your pockets you're going to demand a good or a service and when you demand a good or a service in this economy, somebody is going to meet that demand."

Some of the aspects of Bush's tax relief plan include replacing the current tax rates of 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent with a simplified rate structure of 10, 15, 25, and 33 percent; doubling the child tax credit to \$1,000 per child; reducing the marriage penalty by reinstating the 10 percent deduction for two-earner couples, and eliminating the death tax.

The unemployment rate will drop under the tax relief plan, Bush explained, because small businesses will have more money to invest and spend, creating additional jobs.



Adviser Esther Paden and Jessica Hogan, a sophomore at Linden High School, review plans for Youth for United Way, an organization made up of group of Linden students that was honored with the Union County Volunteer Recognition Award.

Empty Soup Dinner from the Youth Service New Jersey workshop at The College of New Jersey. Sponsored by



Photo By Joseph Sorrentino

President George W. Bush steps off Air Force One at Newark Airport on Monday. The president made brief remarks about small business at the Newark Airport Wyndham in Elizabeth after touring a pasta company in Orange.

Under Bush's tax plan, small businesses can deduct up to \$100,000 off their taxes, including up to \$25,000 on new equipment.

"These are important incentives for economic vitality and growth," Bush said.

Currently, Andrea Foods makes 1,200 pounds of pasta every minute.

"I saw a lot of calories riding through," joked Bush.

However, the president said, the owners of Andrea Foods aren't satis-

fied with their company's production level.

"They want to expand," Bush said. "They want to make more jobs available in the neighborhood in which they work."

The president said that Andrea Foods is contemplating buying additional equipment that will expand their production by 15 percent.

"They took a look at the tax relief plan," said Bush. "They calculated the benefits. They said, 'It makes

sense for us to buy new machinery so we can expand.'"

Bush said the increased productivity could create as many as 20 new jobs at Andrea Foods.

"Their decision affects other people as well," said Bush.

The president said it is vital to economic growth that capital dollars be dispensed in a greater amount to small businesses because small businesses provide most of the new jobs created in the country.

Second arbitrator to rule on PBA contract

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

After reviewing a second appeal, the state's Public Employee Relations Commission has ruled in Union County's favor and remanded that a second arbitrator rule on a new contract for corrections officers.

The appeal, which was filed in March, said that the county felt the arbitrator did not follow the guidelines set by PERC.

This is the third time the case will be heard by an arbitrator, but it will be the second arbitrator to hear the case. Once the new arbitrator makes his ruling, the decision can then be appealed once again through PERC.

"If we can't get any justice or what

we're entitled to by going through the process, then what is it there for?" said Jim Roche, president of Police-men's Benevolent Association 199.

A brief history of the contract negotiations shows that the PBA won the initial award more than two years ago, which the county then appealed. PERC sent the appeal to an arbitrator, who reissued an additional award in the PBA's favor, which included a 4 percent pay increase in each of the four years of the contract; 2001-04. The county then appealed that decision, which went back to PERC and handed down a ruling to have a second arbitrator look at the contract.

"PERC said that the last arbitrator didn't follow their instructions and

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State to give \$750K for land acquisition

By Joshua Zaitz
Staff Writer

Union County will receive \$750,000 from the state to help offset the \$3.4 million cost of purchasing a little less than five acres of land on Green Lane in Union from the YM-YWHA of Union County.

The rest of the money for the land acquisition will come from the county's Open Space Trust Fund.

Director of Finance Lawrence Caroselli will review the cash flow of the Open Space Trust Fund, which currently holds between \$3.5 and \$4 million, and make a determination of whether or not to issue bonds in order to pay for the acquisition of the YMHA property or pay for it directly out of the open space fund.

"In either situation, the money is going to come from open space," said Caroselli. If the county decides to issue bonds, the debt will be paid from the Open Space Trust Fund.

"When we have to pay the debt service each year, I will take that money out of the open space fund," said Caroselli.

He said that if the county decides to bond the remaining money for the YMHA purchase, it would be advantageous because then the Open Space Trust Fund would have sufficient money for the county to complete other projects.

The land the county will acquire, which lies immediately to the east of the Y's facility, and had been used by the Y for hiking and recreational activities.

Freeholder Alexander Mirabella said the county is not exactly certain as to

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Technically, they're graduates



Photo By Reena Rose Sibayan

Valedictorian Jacqueline Powers adjusts the flag she prepares to carry during the procession at the start of the graduation ceremony for the Union County Vocational-Technical High School in Scotch Plains on Tuesday night. Nearly 200 students earned their technology certificates.

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Arbitrator to hear case third time

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that's why they remanded it to a new arbitrator," said Joseph Salemme, director of the county's labor and management relations.

There are eight criteria which the arbitrator must consider while making his decision: the interest and welfare of the public, comparison of wages and salaries, overall compensation received by the employees, stipulation of the parties, the lawful authority of the employer, the financial impact on the government unit and taxpayers, cost of living, and the continuity and stability of employment.

"He must say which ones are more relevant than others and if he thinks that some are not relevant he must say why they're not relevant," said Salemme.

The previous arbitrator as well as the new one reaches a ruling based on those criteria; something to which all interest arbitrations in the state adhere.

The county employs 216 corrections officers who work at Union County Jail in Elizabeth. Fourteen of the employees do not earn a top annual salary of more than \$55,000 — not

including overtime or senior officer pay.

Contract negotiations hit a wall when it came to co-payments in the PBA member's healthcare package. Virtually all contracts the county has recently settled with labor unions have included some type of monthly co-payment for doctor's office visits, prescription drugs and medical benefits. Most unions agreed to four-year contracts with monthly co-payments of \$10 to \$40 for health benefits, depending on the union and the employee's annual salary.

It is the PBA's contention that they should not be paying anything into their healthcare package because of the health risks they must deal with.

"The environment that we work in and the conditions that we work in and the people that we deal with on a daily basis doesn't put us on par with a Sheriff's officer or a secretary in the Administration Building," said Roche, explaining that his union members are subject to hazardous health conditions other county employees never have to face. "We are not the same Union County employees that are not subjected to these sorts of things and therefore we

should be treated differently."

The county and the PBA both must agree on a new arbitrator to hear the case.

On June 10, Salemme said, the county sent a letter to the PBA's attorney listing eight arbitrators they would agree to. However, Roche said that he has not seen that letter from the county yet.

If both parties cannot mutually agree on an arbitrator, PERC will appoint one.

PERC has not issued a timeline as to when the two sides must decide on an arbitrator.

Roche said his union is very disappointed with PERC's ruling. He finds it difficult to believe that the arbitrator, who has spent nearly 30 months reviewing the contract, would be told that his decision did not mean anything.

"All of a sudden this guy's opinion means nothing," said Roche. "It's more of a slap in the face to the system and the arbitrator himself."

The decision does not get the PBA any closer to a contract, or discount the fact that they were successful in the two previous appeals, Roche said.

"But it doesn't put any food on our people's tables," he said.

Linden's Youth for United Way recognized

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meet and share service ideas with each other.

"My goal used to be to get students involved," said Paden. "Now it's to get the students to take leadership roles. I want students to say, 'I want to start an after-school program and this is what we're going to do and I'm going to be in charge of it,' as opposed to the adult taking over."

Earlier this year, Paden and Youth for United Way received the Union County Volunteer Recognition Award. The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders picked them for their service to United Way of Greater Union County.

The organization began in 1990 when Paden contacted United Way about creating a partnership.

"The United Way had always been trying to figure out how to get students involved," Paden said. Through this program, a United Way representative speaks to Linden students about

the community's needs and organizations requesting services.

"Esther has always shown tremendous commitment to helping United Way improve the lives of our neighbors," said Elisse Glennon, chief executive officer of United Way of Greater Union County. "Her work in promoting volunteerism among our local youth serves as a shining example to others of what it means to truly care for our community."

Paden "doesn't really think about herself. All she really thinks about is going out and helping other people," said Hogan, a sophomore.

In 1993, Paden applied for a service learning grant. The grant, funded by the Corporation for National Service, allowed Youth for United Way to "give birth to Learn and Serve America," and significantly increased the number of student volunteers.

"In any given year we can have as many as 500, 600 student volunteers" for both organizations, said Paden.

Sonia Martins, a junior, is

involved with both Youth for United Way and Learn and Serve America. "I help out with mentally and physically disabled children. I volunteer because I love helping the children."

Since 1992, Youth for United Way has been involved with the March of Dimes Foundation. Students volunteer and raise funds at Walk America, raising between \$1,000 and \$2,800 each year.

Youth for United Way has worked with Cerebral Palsy League in Union — hosting Christmas parties, helping with mall trips and serving as prom escorts to Cerebral Palsy League students.

Students have worked with the Plainfield family shelter, YMCA and YWCA. They have prepared large meals for families and held food and toy drives.

"Knowing that I'm helping somebody makes me feel good inside," Daniela Sanchez, a freshman, said.

State helps with Union land deal

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what it will do with the property once it is acquired.

"A lot of times we just like to take advantage of opportunities as they present themselves and then we'll have some discussion later about what we'll do with the land," said Mirabella.

Most likely, Mirabella said, a playground and possibly a ball field will be erected on the property, although a time frame has not been set yet for its completion.

"We always like to look at what the needs of the community are; talk to the community and the public and get an idea of what they'd like to see," said Mirabella.

The \$750,000 issued by the state was approved by Gov. James McGreevey in signing A-1201/2919, which appropriated \$11.05 million from the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to develop or acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes within six counties. Aside from Union County, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren and Bergen counties will receive part of the \$11.05 million for land acquisition.

Of the 27 projects included in the measure, Union County will receive \$750,000 for the land acquisition in Union and \$400,000 for land acquisition in the City of Linden, which will most likely be used in conjunction with the Plaza Theater property project across from City Hall on Wood Avenue, set to be demolished and replaced with a park and amphitheater.

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Medicare forum Friday

"Does Medicare Need to Be Drastically Reformed to Provide A Meaningful Prescription Drug Benefit?" will be the subject of a forum sponsored by the Union County Senior Legislative Issues Coalition Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at Elizabeth Towers, 315 Grand St., Elizabeth.

Congress is currently debating proposed legislation that, in order for Medicare beneficiaries to have a meaningful prescription drug plan and health care coverage, they would have to join an HMO or PPO managed care program. Those who remain in traditional fee-for-service Medicare will have less generous benefits.

Critics of the proposal, who want the drug benefit run by traditional Medicare, claim beneficiaries would have to choose between the doctors they trust and the prescription benefits they need and can afford.

Alex Bussey, area director for the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare for New Jersey, will explain how the outcome of the debate, which is expected to conclude by July, can be critical to the future of seniors' health care.

The meeting will also review the administration's proposal to restructure Medicaid by capping federal funding regardless of states' needs. States, over the long term, would

receive less money, but be given greater authority regarding Medicaid eligibility, benefits, programs and provider reimbursements. Medicaid is a federal-state program that funds health care for low-income residents who qualify.

The coalition, founded in 1998 following drastic cuts to Medicare, Medicaid and other senior programs, is a grassroots, non-partisan organization that educates and advocates for the concerns of Union County's 90,000 seniors. It provides a united voice to their legislators. The coalition is an affiliate of the Union County Advisory Council on Aging, Division on Aging.

Refreshments will be served. For more information and directions, call 908-272-5671 or 908-527-4872.

New child care directory published for county

Union County business can help their employees with work and family issues using a new resource from Community Coordinated Child Care, the county's resource and referral agency.

The recently published Union County Child Care Directory provides families with young children expert information on child development, health and safety and child care. Additionally, the magazine-style, full-color directory also includes a listing

of child care centers, nursery schools and family child care providers with the nuts and bolts information parents need to make informed decisions.

"We are extremely excited about the directory," said Pat Mennuti, executive director of CCCC. "The community response has been overwhelming. While nothing can replace the one-to-one counseling services we provide to families seeking child care, this directory gives parents a solid basis of knowledge regarding their child's growth and development."

Businesses can order a carton of 70 directories for their employees for a donation of \$150 by calling 973-923-1433, ext. 136.

Arc annual meeting

The annual meeting and recognition dinner for the Arc of Union County will be tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the Evangel Church, 1251 Terrill Road, Scotch Plains.

The annual meeting will recognize those individuals and corporations who have offered significant help to support the Arc of Union County. Members will also cast their votes for the new slate of officers for the board.

For more information, call 908-754-2666 or visit the Arc of Union County Web site at www.arcunion.org.

Congressman: Bring bring it on

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Will who believes you should be able to spend whatever you please of your own money to support a candidate.

The First Amendment argument is compelling. As long as contributions are reported, why should they be limited? If Ferguson's old man wants to help his kid, why should the law prohibit the effort?

It's been an up and down year for Ferguson. A few months ago, he was standing with Bush in the Newark-Elizabeth port, proclaiming the strength of the country. His fundraising skills were impressive.

More recently there was the bizarre episode at a club in Washington for those a bit younger than

Ferguson. He gave his office pin to a young girl, who refused to give it back. Not exactly the attention a family values candidate like Ferguson was seeking.

As part of the condition of the FEC deal, Ferguson was able to say that while neither his parents or himself was admitting guilt, there would be no contest to the fine. It reminded me of the same defense used by then-Vice President Spiro Agnew when he resigned as vice president.

Ferguson has no intention of resigning. He was quoted as saying, "If Democrats want to make it a campaign issue...I say, bring it on...I think if that's all they can scratch up, we'll be in very good shape."

Clarification

In the June 12 edition, "What does county government do anyway?", Roselle Park Mayor Joseph Delorio was quoted as saying Roselle Park was not eligible for money from the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund because it did not have any county parks or registered historic sites within its borders.

Roselle Park in 2002 received \$100,000 as part of the county's Field of Dreams matching grant program, funded through the Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. The monies were used for improvements to Aldene Park and the Roselle Park Youth Baseball Field.

It is the policy of this newspaper to correct any significant errors brought to the editor's attention. If you believe such an error has been made, contact Tom Canavan, editor in chief, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083, or call 908-686-7700, ext. 329.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Kean instructor finds works of art in nature

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Some of the most unusual and primitive materials included in the sculpture exhibit, "Collections," by Jappie King-Black, have become second nature to her through the years.

King-Black, a professor at Kean University in Union, is currently having her works exhibited at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange.

King-Black, who utilizes nature elements in her sculptures, especially vine and bark that she collects from behind her house in Brockport, N.Y., is one of four sculptors exhibiting works at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange, formerly the Gallery of South Orange, through July 13. The exhibit is called "Elements Unearthed: Four Sculptors," and the other three sculptors featured are Ruth Hardinger, Linda Brooks Hirschman and Barbara Liotta. All have worked with various organic elements with different perspectives. The common elements are "the forces of nature, fragility, strength and weakness, and the use of natural materials."

King-Black, who is a professor of fine arts at Kean University in the fiber area, explained during a recent chat that "my work is constructed of grape vine bark and wax, fiber, wood, wire and other material. There are a lot of individual pieces, about 500, and they cover two walls at the gallery. They are mixed media sculptural installations. The elements are constructed in various fiber techniques of different materials. Each piece," she said, "is an icon or representative symbol. As a group, the installation becomes a single narrative with references to basketry, mask making, the figure and ritual."

King-Black said in her statement to the gallery, "The concepts behind my work are personal. I do expect my work to speak about nature, metamorphosis, loss and the handmade object."

She mentioned that this is the sort of thing she teaches three days a week at Kean University. "I teach textiles, fibers, introduction to art," King-Black has also taught at other colleges and has exhibited her works in many major galleries. "One of my collectors," she mused, "called me the resident nomad. And the reason for this is that I've lived in so many places, including Argentina, as a child, and Mexico."

King-Black, who was born in Detroit, moved with her parents "every two years. And even as a child, I made art sculptures, and I was always painting and drawing. We lived in Saltillo, Coahuila in Mexico. They have weaving factories where they make serates, fabric that people use for floor rugs and Nava-ho blankets. They are very popular right now."

"I am interested in weaving," she said, "and all my work in the gallery comes from the land. I live in Brockport, where there is a lot of land, and the grape vines wind in the woods around the trees. They are parasites and will kill the trees if you don't cut them. I cut them and use them for sculptures. Actually, the trees in the woods behind my house are being taken over by the wild grapevines like kudzu in the deep south. I collect vine and bark, harvesting them all year, to use in my sculptures and installations. The large three-dimensional forms refer to boats, beds and nest-like baskets. These are vessels used by many cultures from birth to death. Rural wild spaces like the woods and farmland in my town are endangered by urban sprawl. This is not unique to upstate New York but the area like most undeveloped land in this country is certainly threatened."

She recalled that she lived in Argentina as a child "with my parents. I would love to go back, but I don't know if I will. I learned to speak Spanish and at Kean, I get to practice it a little bit. When I was in Mexico, I studied drawing and painting at Ateneo Fuente, Universidad de Coahuila in Saltillo, from which I was graduated. My Latin-American experiences continue to influence my



Jappie King-Black uses a loom to weave items found in a nature, creating works of art. The Kean University instructor's work is currently on exhibit at the Pierro Gallery of South Orange.

work as an artist."

She received an MFA from Syracuse University, where she majored in fibers with emphasis in sculpture, and she also graduated from Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, where she majored in textile design and received a BFA. King-Black majored in visual art at Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan, where she was graduated.

King-Black admitted that she is happy that "the gallery was nice enough to show my work. It's always difficult to talk about artwork unless I'm partial to it."

She said that "the sources of ritual art in so-called 'primitive' cultures have always interested me. My respect for ancient artifacts stems from the spiritual power in the objects themselves."

King-Black plans to participate in the faculty show at Kean this fall. "Right now," she said, "I'm busy at the Pierro Gallery. But I'm looking forward to the faculty show and the many other exhibitions in the future."

For information on "Elements Unearthed: Four Sculptors" at the Pierro Gallery in South Orange, call 973-378-7754. The Pierro Gallery is located in the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead St., South Orange. Exhibit runs through July 13.

High schools' 'stars' honored by Paper Mill

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

The awards may be called the Rising Stars, but on June 12 at Paper Mill: The State Theater of New Jersey, it was the south that rose again.

Cherry Hill High School East walked away with five awards for its production of "Les Miserables," including Outstanding Overall Production of a Musical.

The awards program, administered by Paper Mill's Education Department, honors the work done by New Jersey high schools in the area of producing musical theater. This year's ceremony marked the eighth annual awards, with a record 117 high schools participating in the program, according to Paper Mill Director of Education Susan Speidel.

The Rising Star Awards were the first program in the nation, instituted by a professional theater, to honor high school musicals across the state. In her welcoming comments, Speidel said that seven other awards programs across the country have used the Rising Stars as a model for similar awards.

"It's nice when your efforts win a prize," Speidel said from the stage, "but what's most important is that you had an impact, you shared part of yourself, you told a story, and you gave the gift of live theater to your audiences."

Cherry Hill East was among the first high schools to produce a scaled-down version of the long-running Broadway hit, a version prepared by the show's creators for school productions prior to the musical's closing May 18. In addition to the award for Best Musical, "Les Miserables" was honored with Outstanding Leading Actor for Robert J. Weaver, who played Jean Valjean; Outstanding Direction for Robert D. Nation; and Outstanding Child Actor for Matthew Bennett, who played the doomed Gavroche. Stage Manager Tim Barnes was among the 11 teenagers to receive Student Achievement Awards.

With the remainder of the awards fairly evenly spread out across the Garden State, several area high schools received honors.

Union County high schools picked up five awards, with Nicole Calcado from Livingston High School the lone Essex County honoree. Calcado received a Student Achievement Award for her work as stage crew chief on "Once Upon a Mattress."

In Union County, Rahway High School's Alison Dooley was honored for her choreography on "Crazy for You."

"I'm speechless," she enthused after the show. "I'm thankful. I'm proud of our students. I'm really proud that they raised the bar."

The fairy tale sets for "Into the Woods" at Union High School earned Peter Avagliano the award for set design. Believing that he was part of a team, he pointed out that the award will reside at the school.

"Every show is a collaborative effort. My job would not be possible without everybody else that's involved," he said. "The students, the teachers, everybody who made it possible — this is their award."

Also honored from Union County were Allina Carrera, Best Supporting Actress for her work in Elizabeth High School's "Babes in Arms;" The Waiters from New Providence's "Helly, Dolly!," Best Ensemble Group; and Student Achievement Award recipient Doug Chananie, honored for his work as scenic carpenter on Westfield High School's "The Pirates of Penzance."

The awards, engraved crystal stars, were provided by Tiffany and Co.

In addition to awards, the program provides scholarships to students intending to continue their theatrical education at college. Loukas J. Flamos of Gov. Livingston High School was among the five recipients. In accepting the award, he thanked Paper Mill for honoring "a techie."

State Opera Co. honors rising talent at annual aria competition

By Astera Argyris
Correspondent

A young man and two young women sang for their future on the afternoon of June 8 at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's Victoria Theater.

They were already winners, being the final three chosen by the New Jersey State Opera's International Vocal Talent Competition. They had undergone months of competing with hundreds of international aspiring opera stars to reach this point. Then at the final competition, they each sang his or her best aria and hoped for the best. But first they had to wait through the special concert by famed Russian diva, Olga Romanko. It would hardly be surprising if the young women sopranos felt slightly nervous when this renowned soprano got applause after applause for singing some of the most famous soprano arias in opera. But they and the tenor had been through so many tension-filled pre-

liminaries and semi-finals to reach this point that when it came time for the three finalists to sing, they all rose to the moment in grand style. After that, they had to wait through the intermission, during which the judges met to vote for the ultimate winner and the runners up. The principle judge was Maestro Alfredo Silipigni, artistic director and conductor of the New Jersey State Opera. Other judges were a talent agent and members of New Jersey State Opera. This competition also included two opera legends, Licia Albanese and Anna Moffo as judges and advisors.

As everyone retook their seats, the announcement was finally made. The moment was one of glory for first-place winner, Elglis Gutierrez, from Cuba and now Philadelphia, who has sung Bellini's "Qui la voce." Clearly, the audience's favorite, she had received quite an ovation for her strong vibrant voice. In a dramatic red gown and matching shawl with fringes, she made an impressive

appearance. She was all smiles when presented with her award from the Puccini Foundation of \$3,000. Second place went to Leonardo Capalbo from Nutley, who was also a crowd-pleaser for his rendition of Verdi's "La mia letizia infondere." He received the Panasonic/Mishushita Electric Corp. Award of \$2,500. The third-place award, or the New Jersey State Opera Board Award, of \$1,500 went to Russia's Yana Eminova who had beautifully sung the difficult aria, Gounod's "Jewel Song." It was presented by Anthony Boccabella, president of NJSO Board.

When the applause died down and the young talents left the stage, bowing gracefully, the drama of the afternoon was over. But not the great music.

For then Olga Romanko returned to dazzle the audience with some of the most familiar and beloved opera arias including, "Aria di Micaela" from Bizet's "Carmen," and "Tu che di gel sei cinta" from Puccini's

"Turandot." The high point was her emotional singing of "Visi d'arte" from Puccini's "Tosca." Romanko had starred in the New Jersey's State Opera's "Tosca" three years ago, and she lived up to expectations. However, the most bravos and applause came for her encore of "O Sole Mio." Although Romanko is Russian, she sang that Italian street song with pure Italian vivacity. For his smooth professional accompaniment throughout, David Maiullo deserved high praise.

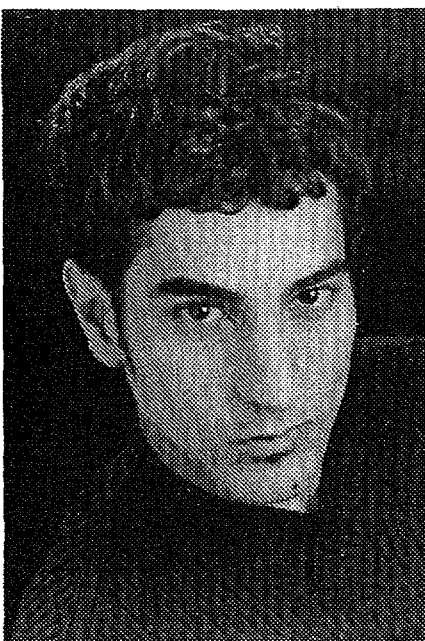
A special salute has to go to the New Jersey State Opera for continuing this International Talent Competition. They began it in 1976 and through the years have encouraged countless singers, many eventually singing with major opera companies, including the New Jersey State Opera.

Silipigni, the conductor and artistic director of the NJSO, during the preliminaries had commented that he was particularly pleased by the artistic level of the contestants. After the competition, when asked how diffi-

cult it was for the judges to make the final decision while the audience waited, he said that it was satisfying to find they were all of one mind on the placement. "Nevertheless," he added, "all three are winners for their talents and personalities. I see futures for all of them." In his speech to the audience, he made the point that in Europe young singers receive support from opera companies because the companies are state-subsidized. Here, it is left to the opera companies to do all they can on their own — such as the NJSO's sponsoring competitions like this one to encourage the opera stars of tomorrow. As well as Silipigni, credit also goes to Barbara Burke, the director of this vocal competition.

The audience was enthusiastic about the future of these new stars and having the opportunity to witness a reigning star, Olga Romanko, at her best and most gracious. Romanko contributed her time to help increase the prize money for the stars-to-be.

All in all, it was a very successful



Leonardo Capalbo

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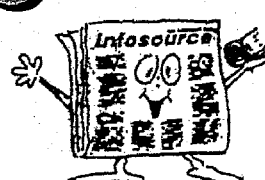
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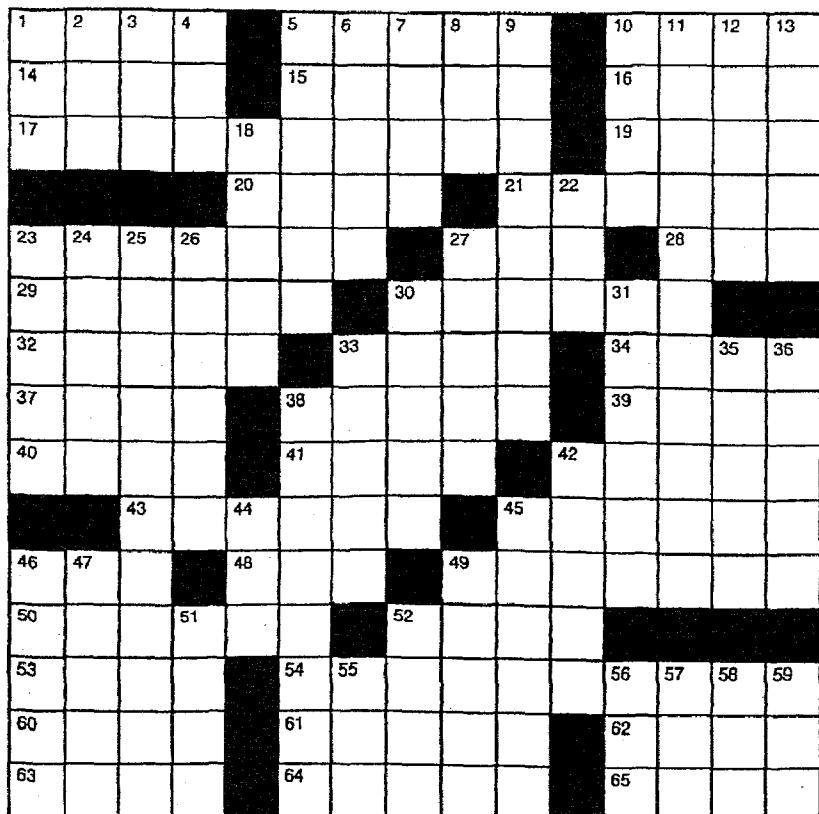
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High 5 announces its summer catalog

Get cool this summer, and get into High 5 Tickets to the Arts — the only organization that offers teens the widest variety of arts and entertainment in New York City. With tickets to this summer's hottest hits, High 5's summer catalog offers everything from theater and dance, to music and film, all for \$5 a ticket or less.

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First up is TheaterWorksUSA's "The Summer of Swans," a new play based on Newberry Medal-winning book by Betsy Byars. Then there's The Studio Museum in Harlem's "Words in Motion" DJ Dance Party. That is followed by the fourth annual Hip-Hop Theater Festival, which will descend on New York City, and High 5 will offer \$5 tickets to most of its original plays and performances, with special Teen Scene opportunities at their events — stories that celebrate the language and culture of the hip-hop generation.

Teens can also catch the jumping jazz at the JVC Jazz Festival, featuring famed jazz performers like Chick Corea, the Ornette Coleman Trio and Spike Lee's film

composer, trumpeter Terence Blanchard. More into operatic arias? High 5 can get teen-agers into New York City Opera's productions of "Carmen" and "Madame Butterfly," as well as the Jean Cocteau Rep's production of "The Threepenny Opera." Get a taste of Shakespeare at this summer's the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey; visit MoMA at its new temporary space in Queens; or see the latest in dance at Dance Theater Workshop, Dance Theater of Harlem and the New York City Ballet.

High 5 even has a listing of fun — and free — events that are going on About Town.

High 5 catalogs are available in all five boroughs at bookstores and public libraries, and selected sites in New Jersey, as well as at participating Ticketmaster outlets including HMV Records, Tower Records, FYE and other stores; and in the lobby of High 5's executive offices at 1 E. 53rd St. during business hours. Teens and parents also can find new High 5 branches throughout the country and Montreal, Canada, where the Web site is www.top5arts.com.

High 5 events are constantly updated, and the best way to learn the latest is to visit the Web site, www.high5tix.org, or subscribe to the All-Access e-mail newsletter — a free weekly service that tells teens what's been added. Subscribe online by sending e-mail to info@high5tix.org with "Newsletter" as the subject.

Teachers, parents, student leaders and mentors can also use High 5's Take 5 program, which enables small groups of students to attend events. With Take 5, six tickets cost \$25, with no purchase limit, including adult chaperones. It's the best way to take groups for art fun around the city. For more Take 5 information, call 212-750-7770, or send e-mail to info@high5tix.org.

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June 23-29

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work to restore peace and quiet at home. Bring family members together and heal your differences. Agree to needed home repairs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): This is a great time to improve your communication skills or creative talents. Focus and practice to attain perfection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Avoid careless spending. If you must shop, write down a list of what you need to buy and stick to it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Let the adventurous side of your nature come out to play. Take the long way to explore uncharted streets or avenues in your neighborhood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time to rest and recuperate this week. Sever ties to an emotionally draining relationship and recharge your battery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Various opportunities are unveiled through a network of friends and associates. Pay attention and act quickly to claim them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Continue your climb up the ladder of success. A

coveted or desired position is within reach. Find a way to make it happen.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): An open mind is rewarded. Discover a new and fascinating world just beyond your scope of reality. Learn through study or travel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An expenditure far exceeds your funds and puts a heavy strain on your budget. Choose activities where you can share the expense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It takes patience to build a close personal relationship. If you meet someone you like, plan to spend time getting to know him or her.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Play the diplomatic role among colleagues and co-workers. Rise above criticism before you have all the facts. Judge with a sense of fairness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A celestial event indicates success in romance or finance this week. Make sure you are in the right place at the right time and play to win.

If your birthday is this week, it's time to stop procrastinating, get off the sidelines and get into living life to the fullest. Several new starts are indicated and ambition runs high during the coming year. Your thoughts and emotions will reach a new level of intensity. Keep on your toes and be ready to open the door and run through when opportunity knocks.

Also born this week: Johannes Gutenberg, Alfred Kinsey, Bob Fosse, Jack Dempsey, Mick Fleetwood, George Orwell, Carly Simon, Abner Doubleday, Peter Lorre, Helen Keller, Julia Duffy, Mel Brooks, Kathy Bates and Gary Busey.

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TIME: 9am-5pm Outdoor
PRICE: New merchandise, crafts, collectibles and a garage & tag sale section! For information call 201-997-9535
ORGANIZATION: The Nicole Fund

GARAGE/YARD SALES

SATURDAY

June 28th, 2003

EVENT: Garage Sale
PLACE: 480 Carpenter Place, Union (off Colonial Ave.)
TIME: 9am-4pm
PRICE: Something for everyone. For information call Liz 908-687-0781
ORGANIZATION: Union Hospital Guild

OTHER

THURSDAY

June 19th, 2003

EVENT: Open House to introduce the Master's Degree in Psychoanalysis to begin September 9th, 2003
PLACE: ACAP, 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange
TIME: 7pm-8pm
PRICE: Free Admission. For informational call 973-736-7600 or speud@aol.com or www.pcnj.org
ORGANIZATION: Academy of Clinical and Applied Psychoanalysis.

OTHER

MONDAY-FRIDAY

July 7th-August 15th, 2003

EVENT: Summer Camp
PLACE: Saint Paul The Apostle School, 285 Nesbit Terrace, Irvington
TIME: 8am-3pm
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Dexter's show has power, tenderness

Bluesy. Bally. Bombastic. And brilliant.

Cabaret vocalist Baby Jane Dexter filled Le Dome at The Manor in West Orange on June 12 with a performance that best exemplified the above adjectives, and a handful of other superlatives, to boot.

Dexter's act, "Another Spring: Then and Now," encompassed a wide spectrum of the human experience, conveyed in the high-powered vocal performance and her on-the-edge patter. Filling the room with her powerful voice, she nonetheless created a feeling of intimacy.

The five-time MAC Award-winner combines the finesse of Ella Fitzgerald with the rough edge of Bette Midler to create a sound and performance style that uniquely her own. Is it jazz? Is it rock? Is it vocals? Yes, yes and yes — but the best way to describe it would be to say, "It's Baby Jane."

Kicking off the set with the nostalgic and languorous "Dayton, Ohio, 1903" by Randy Newman, Dexter then segued into the second half of the two-song opener, "Souvenirs," by saying, "Now that was 100 years ago — now, it's 100 years later."

Where "Dayton, Ohio" was a gentle tune that nicely showcased Dexter's rich lower register, "Souvenirs" was a rockin' number that allowed the vocalist to cut loose with her considerable talents and high-octane energy.

While Dexter's low-alto voice is in the same register as that of a male baritone, her lighter head voice was put to excellently effective use on "Everything That Touches Me," which she performed with a sweet tenderness.

Dexter's avoidance of overstating the chromatics in "Night and Day" gave the Cole Porter standard a new life, as did the arrangement which ended — rather than began — with the verse, leaving both the music and

Life is a Cabaret

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

lyrics somewhat unresolved. The result was an emotional tension that underscored the song's longing and effectively furthered the composer's intention.

Dexter's patter between songs was more a stream-of-consciousness monologue rather than an over-rehearsed and insincere exposition. Pausing in her prepared comments, she fanned herself with a patron's program; bantered with Lola, a woman in the audience; elicited groans at the mention of reality TV, and mused on having seen a homeless man in a cardboard box talking on a cell phone. The lack of over-preparedness brought a freshness to the show, though at times Dexter did ramble off track.

However, it was the vocals that defined the evening and showcased the dynamic Dexter's considerable abilities. The vocalist made excellent use of spoke-song on "Razor," and offset the richness of her lower range with a decided "ping" in the treble on "Takin' a Chance on Love," on which she took quite a few jazzy liberties without sacrificing the dramatic integrity of the lyrics.

Eschewing vocal stylizations, Dexter purely sang Joe Cocker's "You Are So Beautiful" a cappella as the intro to "Got to Get You Into My Life." In both cases, she redefined the sound of the song by performing it with a lyrical quality to her voice, bringing out the beauty of the words themselves.

Accompanying Dexter was her longtime musical director and arranger, Ross Patterson, whose abilities were most notably showcased on



Baby Jane Dexter

the syncopated, improvisational piano break in "Spinning Wheel."

In welcoming audiences to Le Dome, emcee Mark Blaustein's signature line is, "There's no place quite like The Manor."

On June 12, he could well have said, "There's no singer quite like Baby Jane Dexter" — and he wouldn't have been lying. The woman is a "Wow!" — and then some!

The next appearance in The Manor's Cabaret Soiree series will be Hilary Kole on July 17. For information, call 973-731-2360.

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Kean's 'Laramie' is 'ground-breaking theater'

It opens with a simple, painted backdrop that slowly brightens to a pink, hopeful dawn.

It ends with a sparkling night view of the lights of Laramie, Wy.

In between these two captivating images is a diverse cast that brings to life an ugly scar on the landscape of recent American history with warmth, hope and surprising insight.

On a bitter October day in 1998, the barely conscious body of Matthew Shepherd, a gay University of Wyoming student, was found tied to a fence in a desolate field. The immediate community, shocked by the discovery of a vicious hate crime in their own backyard, soon found themselves forced to confront their feelings on homosexuality.

From the beginning, the stage is set for a compelling drama heightened by the recounting of this true incident through the voices of those who were there. In a unique, but at first disorienting and confusing take on reality theater, the cast of the Tectonic Theater Project at Kean University takes on the roles of the people they interviewed in real life. The result is that each cast member plays a diverse pool of characters that differ in age, ethnicity and, sometimes, gender.

On The Boards

By Brian Pedersen

"The Laramie Project" is ground-breaking theater in the sense that it is many things at once. It is a documentary capturing a real-life event, an unconventional acting experiment and a bracing commentary on society, with all of these aspects coming together to create a compelling story that blurs the lines between reality and theater.

By playing the people they interviewed, the cast reveals the face of Laramie, Wy., showing a community of working class residents who are each individuals that come to question their thoughts on homosexuality, encased within a philosophy of "Live and Let Live."

As Matthew's story quickly spread around the nation and eventually, the world, the spotlight fell on Laramie, provoking a deeper look at hate and a debate over how it forms. Were the people of Laramie responsible for fostering two sons whose hatred of

homosexuals drove them to commit such a violent act? As in life, the play does not offer any black or white answers, only the necessity for each person to confront their own thoughts and challenge their own perceptions.

The cast highlights this aspect of the crime best as the story unfolds after Matthew's discovery and last remaining moments. Light and shadow play well against one another during the tense courtroom scenes and the media frenzy that descends over the town is hauntingly realistic as Matthew's life draws to a close.

Standout actors include Stephen Reed, who plays Sgt. Hing and Sgt. Rob DeBree among others. As the police presence in the town, Reed exemplifies a subdued shock and anger at the discovery of the crime and, despite playing a police character who believes homosexuality is wrong, he breaks down on camera in front of reporters as he reveals the news of Matthew's death.

Having been immersed in the crime, he said he didn't realize how much people hate.

The Islamic student, Zubaida Ula, played by Danielle Aldrich-Babicz, is a unique character in that she crystallizes the event for the whole community, showing that hate crimes can happen anywhere.

"We are like this," she says. "We need to own this crime." Later on, she opposes putting Aaron McKinney, one of the perpetrators, to death in the electric chair, questioning how "we" could put someone to death.

"This is the beginning, how do we move forward?" questions one of the locals, played by Nick Duchensky. As one of his characters, Jedediah Schultz, he says that instead of saying "that's not how it is here," he finds just the opposite, and that there's no time for the community to create that distance to reflect on the crime.

Perhaps the most striking character is that of Matthew's father, Dennis, played by Jeffrey Norman. In a powerful, moving speech, he opposes putting McKinney to death in the electric chair, pledging to give him "life in the memory of one who no longer lives."

Friday's party marks Potter book's release

With excitement building as time grows short until the June 21st release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth in the "Harry Potter" series, Barnes and Noble bookstores have announced that on Friday, the Clark Barnes and Noble will remain open past midnight to ensure that Potter fans get their copies of the book as soon as it's released.

During this witching hour, fans who want to be the first to own the latest book in this enormously popular series can enjoy "Midnight Magic," Harry Potter-related contests, games, giveaways and more. The party begins at 9 p.m. and will include a Harry Potter Look-Alike Contest, Harry Potter Dictionary, and some very special crafts. Books will be available for sale at midnight. Readers of all ages are invited to enjoy one of the biggest literary events of the year.

"The anticipation surrounding the release of the Harry Potter books has been unprecedented," said Jeffrey Parsons, store manager of Barnes and Noble Inc. "In response to customer demand, we will stay open past midnight in order to provide an opportunity for those who wish to be among the first to purchase a copy of 'Harry Potter V' and have loads of fun at the same time."

Barnes and Noble has also announced a Potter sweepstakes and issued a Harry Potter gift card. On June 1, Barnes and Noble kicked off its "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" Sweepstakes. Customers can pick up a special decoder card and at any Barnes and Noble store and log on to Barnes and Noble's special sweepstakes Web site, www.harrypottersweepstakes.com, to win hundreds of prizes.

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Van Gogh's Ear - a work of art!

By Bill VanSant
Associate Editor

As eclectic eateries go, Van Gogh's Ear in Union is a work of art! While the average diner could be considered "eclectic" because of the literal scope of its menu, the cafe on Stuyvesant Avenue in Union is Bohemian in every sense of the word: artwork fills the walls, bookshelves abound, and the chairs are an attractive hodge-podge style best described as "Early Yard Sale."

And it all works beautifully!

New owner Cathy Smook of Union has retained the unique style of Van Gogh's Ear, but mentioned that she and longtime chef Robert Perarra will be working together to "tweak the menu" for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is the recent increase in the dinner crowd.

In addition to the decor, Van Gogh's Ear also offers entertainment in the form of musical performers a few nights a week. For information on the musical performances, see the "Variety" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B10.

But let's not forget that Van Gogh's Ear is, first and foremost, an eatery, and one of the highest order, at that.

On a recent visit, my dining companion and I enjoyed a wide range of delicious dishes and exotic beverages. As we perused the menu on a warm evening, we quenched our thirsts with iced chai tea, a refreshing and tempting blend featuring an array of spices. We were soon relishing our appetizers: my companion dug right into the tangy Garlicky Spinach Dip, served warm with an assortment of multi-colored tortilla chips. The dip featured that burning bite all garlic-lovers crave, but was balanced by the creamy spinach base of the dip. I savored the robust Bruschetta Calabrese: hunks of toasted Italian bread heaped with incredibly fresh-tasting tomatoes, onions and basil. It burst on the tongue without being heavy.

For our main courses, I opted for the Chicken Focaccia, a generous sandwich of grilled chicken, fresh mozzarella and tomato. Despite its hearty size, the sandwich was quite light on the palate, filling without leaving me feeling overstuffed. My companion chose the Tabbouleh and Roasted Veggies, a fantasia of tastes and textures, with the roasted eggplant, peppers, zucchini, yellow squash, onions and mushrooms surrounding a mound of lightly seasoned tabbouleh, a Middle Eastern grain.

Our desserts were accompanied by a press of Jamaican coffee, which was full-bodied and strong and the perfect complement to our sweet finales: Sour Cream Velvet Cake and Bacio, or "The Italian Kiss." The house specialty is an enormous array of coffees and teas, so dessert is the perfect choice to go along with these delicious beverages.

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Whether you desire the new and popular "Shabby Chic" a design concept which transforms the old from another time and place with a touch of white paint, crystal knobs and then maybe freshen it up with some toile or floral fabric. Twinkling chandeliers, rusty white wrought iron, candles and garden benches are other musts to give you that final romantic and elegant touch. Or, maybe you prefer the more traditional "country" style, embodied in the patriotic "Americana" motif proclaiming liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness. Handmade baskets, dolls and unique lamps may be just what you need to add that sense of warmth and comfort into your home for your distinctive decorating style.

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The park, formerly a dairy farm, incorporates the original building and layout. The big red barn has been transformed into a Christmas Wonderland. A European Christmas Village complete with shops is located on the first floor. Children escorting their parents then go through the magical fireplace and up to the North Pole to visit with Santa Claus. Each child receives a gift after giving Santa their early wish list for Christmas. Continuing with the theme of uniqueness, children have the opportunity to con-

verse with the world's only talking Scarecrow.

Middle Earth Theater is another highlight of uniqueness. Children as well as parents dress up in costumes and act the part of kings, queens, princesses, and knights as a professional storyteller accompanied by music weaves a tale from long ago.

"Special" is a perfect word to describe the full flavor of the park.

There is something for everyone at the Land of Make Believe, especially for kids ages 2 to 7 and "JV" teenagers 8 to 12. There is the state-of-the-art Water Park's Pirate's Cove with the world's largest wading pool; the No. 1 rated water slide, "Black Hole," the only Sidewinder, the ultimate family thrill ride in the tri-state area, and the river tubing ride with rapids, water falls and waves. At the new Pirate's Fort, buccaneers stay awash by the thousand-gallon tipping bucket.

"Fun" is the ultimate description resulting from a day spent at Land of Make Believe. Whether it's a ride on the Civil War train or the Grand Bejeweled Carousel, an exhilarating ride on the park's roller coaster, on the

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"Unique ... Special ... Fun." That's Land of Make Believe.

Land of Make Believe is accessible from Route 80. Admission is \$17 for children 2 to 18 years old, \$15 for adults and \$13 for senior citizens.

The park is open daily through Monday of Labor Day weekend. It's then open Saturday and Sunday Sept. 6 and 7, for the season finale weekend.

The park, two miles from Exit 12 on Route 80, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 908-459-9000 or visit the Web site, a www.LOMB.com.



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Westfield Players to hold auditions

Director Joann Scanlon of Westfield Community Players is holding open auditions for Bob Barry's comedy mystery "Murder Among Friends" on Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the WCP theater, 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield.

Rehearsals will start in early September; shows are Oct. 11 to Nov. 1. For information, call the director at 973-635-6043.

The action unfolds as Angela and her lover plot the murder of her estranged and conceited husband. In a series of twists and turns, we discover that the lover and husband are plotting against her, or is it the husband and Angela against the lover? In the climactic scene, a double murder is committed, but which gun had the blanks and who is really dead?

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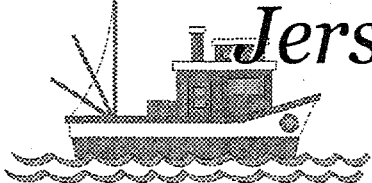
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Stepping Out is a weekly calendar designed to guide our readers to the many arts and entertainment events in the Union County area. The calendar is open to all groups and organizations in the Union County area. To place your free listing, send information to Arts and Entertainment Editor Bill VanSant, Worrall Community Newspapers, 463 Valley St., P.O. Box 158, Maplewood, NJ 07040.

ART SHOWS

PHOTOGRAPHIC PORTRAITS OF HUMAN EXPRESSIONS by Mario Pinto of Portugal will be on exhibit at the Les Malamut Art Gallery in Union Public Library through today.

Gallery hours are Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Union Public Library is located at 1980 Morris Ave. in Friberger Park, Union. For information, 908-851-5450.

THE SKULSKI ART GALLERY in Clark will exhibit the pastels of Ryszard Milek through Friday.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 to 1:30 p.m. The Skulski Art Gallery is located in the Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark. For information, call 732-382-7197.

ARTIST JUDITH BANYAS of Roselle Park will have her recent landscapes on exhibit through June 30 at the Westfield Art Gallery.

Gallery hours are Tuesdays to Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. The Westfield Art Gallery is located in the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, 150-152 E. Broad St., Westfield.

2003 TEEN ARTS EXHIBIT will tour Union County, with an initial exhibit at the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Springfield. The exhibit will remain at the Springfield Library through July 9. For information, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711.

NEW JERSEY CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS in Summit will present its annual Members' Show and Sale through July 20.

NJCVA is located at 68 Elm St., Summit. For information, including gallery hours, call 908-273-9121 or visit www.njcva.org.

CHILDREN'S SPECIALIZED HOSPITAL in Mountainside will exhibit the works of Mirosław Chelchowski, Tim Weaver and Alice Major throughout the months of June and July. CHS is located at 150 New Providence Road, Mountainside.

NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY, multimedia works by Andrea Larmor, inspired by a poem by Robert Frost, will be on exhibit in the Wisner House at Reeves-Reed Arboretum in Summit from through Aug. 7.

Hours are Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787.

A NATURAL CONNECTION, landscape photography by Nancy Ori and Dwight Hiscano, will be on exhibit at Bouras Galleries in Summit from July 1 to Sept. 8.

Gallery hours are by appointment only. Bouras Galleries is located in Bouras Properties L.L.C., 25 DeForest Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-277-6054.

AUDITIONS

WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS will conduct auditions for "Murder Among Friends" by Bob Barry on Sunday and Monday at 7:30 p.m. Being

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sought are four men, 20s to 50s, and two women, late 30s and 50s. Show dates are Oct. 11 to Nov. 1. WCP is located at 1000 North Ave. West, Westfield. For information, call 908-233-6855.

BOOKS

MIDNIGHT MAGIC PARTY at Barnes and Noble in Springfield will take place Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. to celebrate the release of "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix." The event will include games and activities. The book will go on sale at 12:01 a.m. Saturday. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

AUTHOR MICHAEL IMMERSO will appear at Barnes and Noble of Clark on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "Coney Island: The People's Playground." Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

AUTHOR JON KATZ will appear at Barnes and Noble of Springfield on June 29 at 2 p.m. to sign copies of his book, "New Work of Dogs: Tending to Life, Love and Family in a Changing World." Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

HARRY POTTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet every other Thursday at 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Springfield.

June 26: "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone"

July 10: "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets"

July 24: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"

Aug. 7: "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire"

Aug. 21: "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" (Available June 21)

Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS BY WOMEN, ABOUT WOMEN meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

TEEN BOOK GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

THE 'LORD OF THE RINGS' READING GROUP meets the first Wednesday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

EDISON ARTS SOCIETY WRITERS' CIRCLE, led by Cheryl Racanelli, meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSICS BOOK CLUB meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

CLOAK AND DAGGER READING GROUP will meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

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AFRICAN-AMERICAN INTERESTS meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

MYSTERY READING GROUP meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION BOOK



THE CAST OF 'A WILDE NIGHT IN THE ROCKIES' prepares for the play's opening June 26 at the Theater Project of Union County College in Cranford. Clockwise from bottom left are actors Terri Sturtevant, Jesse Gill, Matt McCarthy, Rick Delaney and Harry Patrick Christian.

GROUP, a monthly reading group featuring staff members' favorite books, meets the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

JEWISH BOOK LOVERS meets the third Monday of the month at Barnes and Noble in Springfield. Barnes and Noble is located at 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BOOKS WE LIKE, a reading group featuring staff recommendations, will meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble of Clark. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

SHAKESPEARE OUT LOUD Reading Group meets the third Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark to read a Shakespeare play out loud. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

WOMEN'S READING GROUP meets the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble in Clark. The selection for Wednesday is "Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Barnes and Noble is located at 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

CLASSES

REEVES-REED ARBORETUM in Summit will sponsor watercolor classes; the next eight-week session runs Wednesdays through June 25. Fee is \$138 with a discount for Reeves-Reed members. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 16.

CONCERTS

COFFEE WITH CONSCIENCE Concert Series of Westfield and Springfield will conclude its musical presentations this weekend in Westfield.

Saturday: GrooveLily, Westfield
All concerts begin at 8 p.m. Westfield concerts are at the First United Methodist Church, 1 E. Broad St.; Springfield concerts are at Springfield Emanuel Methodist Church, 40 Church Mall. Suggested donation is \$12 with proceeds benefiting local charities. For information, call 908-232-9723 or visit www.coffeewithconscience.com.

NEW JERSEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA will present "Celebrate

America," its free touring outdoor summer concert, July 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside. For information, call 973-624-3713 or visit www.njsymphony.org.

DANCE

SUMMIT FOLK DANCERS will sponsor evenings of international dance throughout the year at The Connection for Women and Families, 79 Maple St., Summit. Sessions are alternate Fridays from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2, or \$12 for half the season; workshops are \$5. For information, call 973-467-8278.

Each workshop is \$15 per child. Reeves-Reed Arboretum is located at 165 Hobart Ave., Summit. For information, call 908-273-8787, ext. 15.

CRAFT TIME for children ages 5 to 10 years old will take place every Monday at 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble in Springfield, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

BARNES AND NOBLE, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield, will sponsor Tales for Tots Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m., and the Kids' Writing Workshop, Saturdays at 10 a.m. For information, call 973-376-8544.

POETRY

POETRY OUT LOUD! will take place at Barnes and Noble, 240 Route 22 West, Springfield. For information, call 973-376-8544.

OPEN MIKE POETRY NIGHT takes place the second Sunday of every month at 7 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1180 Raritan Road, Clark. For information, call 732-574-1818.

RADIO

TRI-COUNTY RADIO ASSOCIATION will meet at 8 p.m. the first and third Mondays of the month at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Old Raritan Road in Scotch Plains. For information, call 908-241-5758.

SINGLES

DINNERMATES and Entrepreneurs Group invites business and professional singles to dinner at a local restaurant; wine and mingling is at 8 p.m., dinner is at 9 p.m. Two age groups are available. For information on dates and locations, call 973-822-9796 or visit www.dinnermates.com.

INTERFAITH SINGLES, for single adults older than 45 years old, will meet every Sunday from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for discussion and continental breakfast at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St., Westfield. Donation is \$2. For information, call 908-889-5265 or 908-889-4751.

THEATER

STONY HILL PLAYERS of Summit will present Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado" through Sunday. Shows are at 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$6 for children younger than 12. Performances are at Summit Middle School, Summit and Morris avenues, Summit. For information, call 908-464-7716.

THE THEATER PROJECT at Union County College in Cranford will present "A Wilde Night in the Rockies" by Jewel Seehaus-Fisher from June 26 to July 13 in the Roy Smith Theater on UCC's Cranford campus, 1033 Springfield Ave., Cranford. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$15 Fridays to Sundays, \$7 Thursdays; special rates are \$7 for students at all performances and \$7 for senior citizens on Senior Sunday, June 29. Gay Pride Night is June 27, with a reception following the performance. For information, call 908-659-5189.

THE SHAKESPEARE THEATER OF NEW JERSEY will present "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams Tuesday through July 20. Shows are 8 p.m. Tuesdays to Saturdays, and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays; there is no 7 p.m. performance July 20. Special curtain times are 7 p.m. June 27, 2 p.m. July 16 and 7:30 p.m. July 3. Tickets are \$29 to \$43 for most shows with the following exceptions: Tuesday to June 26, \$23 to \$28; June 27, \$38 to \$43, and June 28, \$50 to \$55.

Special performances are the Symposium Series, featuring post-show discussions, July 1 at 8 p.m. and July 5 at 2 p.m.

The Shakespeare Theater of New

Jersey performs in the F.M. Kirby Shakespeare Theater on the campus of Drew University, 36 Madison Ave., Madison. For information, call 973-408-5600 or visit the Web site at www.ShakespeareNJ.org.

PAPER MILL: The State Theater of New Jersey will present "Grease" through July 27. Shows are at 8 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. Sundays, with matinees Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Special performances are the Conversation Series, Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the mezzanine; audio-described performances, with a sensory seminar 90 minutes prior to curtain, and sign-interpreted/open-captioned performances.

Paper Mill is located on Brookside Drive. For information, call 973-376-4343, 973-379-3636 ext. 2438 for groups, or visit www.papermill.org.

VARIETY

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH in Scotch Plains will sponsor a one-day music sale June 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the church parish hall, 559 Park Ave., Scotch Plains.

THE BACK PORCH in Rahway will present Open Mike Night every Thursday night, as well as solo artists and bands on weekends.

The Back Porch is located at 1505 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-6544.

CROSSROADS, 78 North Ave., Garwood, presents a series of jazz, blues and comedy concerts, as well as football-themed nights.

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For information, call 908-232-5666 or visit www.xxroads.com

EAT TO THE BEAT Coffeehouse in Rahway will feature appearances by musical artists. Eat to the Beat is located at 1465 Irving St. at East Cherry Street, Rahway. For information, call 732-381-0505.

FLYNN'S IRISH PUB and Steakhouse in Rahway will present entertainment at various times. Flynn's Irish Pub is located at 1482 Main St., Rahway. For information, call 732-381-4700.

THE INTERNET LOUNGE in Fanwood will present Open Mike/Karaoke Night on July 6 at 7 p.m. The Internet Lounge is located at 256 South Ave., Fanwood. For information, call 908-409-1234 or visit the Web site at www.theinternetlounge.com.

MOLLY MAGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, formerly Casual Times, in Clark will present entertainment in the coming weeks. Thursdays are Ladies Nights, and Sundays feature NFL games and \$2 drafts.

Molly Maguire's is located at 1085 Central Ave., Clark. For information, call 732-388-6511.

SECOND SATURDAYS COFFEEHOUSE will take place the second Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Summit Unitarian Church, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit. Featured will be an "open mike" forum of music, poetry, comedy and performance art. Refreshments are served. Admission is \$4. Talent is sought for future dates.

For information, call 908-273-3245.

VAN GOGH'S EAR, 1017 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, will present a series of musical events. Tuesdays are "Acoustic Tuesday," some of which feature open mike from 8 to 9 p.m. for folk singers, poets and comedians, followed by a featured folk performer. Open mike participants sign up at 7:30 p.m., and get 10 minutes at the microphone. Jazz and blues are featured Sundays at 8 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for all Sunday concerts.

Sunday: The Son Lewis Trio
Tuesday: Patrick Suler, 8 p.m.; Jeremy Manjorin, 9 p.m.

June 29: The Hal Hirsch Trio
For information, call 908-810-1844.

Skulski exhibit closes Friday

The Skulski Art Gallery of the Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark will present an exhibit of pastels by Ryszard Milek through Friday.

Milek born in Poland in 1955, graduated from the Secondary School of Fine Arts in Tarnow and from Catholic University of Lublin, where he studied art history. He draws, paints and writes artistic critiques. For several years he taught art history at WSB-NLU, also in primary and secondary schools. Milek belongs to the Polish Pastel Artists Association, where he is a secretary. The most important exhibits took place in cities such as Krakow, Lublin, Gdansk, Torun, Gdynia and others. In 1996, he won first prize at the Polish Biennale of Pastel Drawings. He is also a member of Fine Arts and Poetry in Krakow. His works can be found in many private and public collections in Poland, England, France, Sweden, the Vatican, Italy, Austria, Norway and in the United States.

"Milek tells us about beautiful, therefore very important, things; about the physical and spiritual aspects of a man, which are shown in his nudes and iconic silhouettes of saints, surrounded by metaphysical light and similar dreamlike architecture; about Heralean panta rhei in its dreamlike smoothness, slight leaning and emotion that can be felt and that is turned into the inner emotion of the work," Jersey Madeski.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway in Clark. The Skulski Gallery is open to the public Tuesdays to Fridays, 5 to 9 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Aleksandra K. Nowak at 732-382-7197.



'REFLECTION, NJ HIGHLANDS' by Dwight Hiscano of Summit is among the photographic works on exhibit in 'A Natural Connection' at Bouras Galleries from July 1 to Sept. 8. For information, see the 'Art Shows' listing on this page.

NEWS CLIPS

Guild sponsors classes

This summer, the Arts Guild of Rahway is offering a new program for children ages 7 to 14: The Kids Summer Art Camp.

For four weeks while children are out of school, the Guild is making available a fun-filled opportunity for young children to receive high-level instruction about creating art from a staff of talented artists and teaching professionals.

During a typical one-week session of the camp, children will explore their creativity as they work on intensive projects in drawing, acrylic painting, printmaking, watercolor, collage, assemblage and other creative avenues.

If your child has been interested in drawing or painting, or making art of any kind, whether or not they have received art instruction in school, the Art Camp projects will introduce them to another level of artistry and the new possibilities for their budding talent.

The Art Camp will be offered as four separate week-long sessions: July 7 to 11, July 14 to 18, July 21 to 25, and July 28 to Aug. 1.

The Art Camp is available for children ages 7 to 14. Weekly camp hours are Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Rates are \$275 per week. This fee is for the 25 hours of camp per week and includes all art materials and supplies needed as well as drinks and snacks for a daily break. Students are responsible for bringing their own lunch.

Full payment is due at time of registration to ensure a place for the child in the program.

Weather permitting, children will have lunch outside on the lawn surrounding the Guild. The teacher and a supervisor will be present at all times during lunch, breaks and activities.

The Art Camp instructors are Joan Arbeiter, M.F.A.; Bonnie Maranz, M.A., fine arts, and Yvonne Fasciale-Alach, B.A., fine arts education.

To register children for the Summer Art Camp, call Tracy Pushko or Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511, or send e-mail to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net.

UCAC hosts workshop

For the eighth consecutive year, the Union County Arts Center in Rahway will offer a Summer Theater Workshop for children from kindergarten through eighth grade.

For two weeks in July, Children's Stage Adventures Inc. will conduct two children's theater workshops: "Oliver Twist," July 7 to 12, and "The Fisherman and His Wife," July 14 to 19. Both productions require a placement workshop and all pre-registered participants will be involved in the week's events. The audition process is necessary to better place children in the program. It allows them to put their "best foot forward" and is more about spirit, attitude and participation than talent.

The cost of the program is \$125 per child per week. If parents are registering more than one child, they may receive a discount. For more information and registration forms, call 732-499-8226 or visit www.ucac.org. The Kiwanis Club of Rahway is the program's sponsor.

Chorale director is sought

Summit Chorale, mid-sized and auditioned, is looking for a music director/conductor beginning in September 2004 to provide artistic vision and lead all aspects of preparation for three performances per year between September and May, some with orchestra.

Auditions in Madison during the fall of this year. Requirements for the position are a master's degree in conducting or equivalent experience, extensive vocal experience as singer and voice teacher, highly developed choral and orchestral conducting skills, broad knowledge of the choral literature, and a passion for creative programming. Applicants should submit a resume, three letters of recommendation, full repertoire list, tape/CD of performances, videotape of rehearsal, and representative concert programs by Aug. 15.

For detailed application requirements and/or more information, view the job description at the Web site at www.summitchorale.org. Send questions via e-mail to Susan Blum at sueblum8@yahoo.com, or phone her at 908-781-1974.

Union Music School has registration for summer

The Union Music School has announced mail-in registration for its 49th annual summer session, slated from July 1 through 31, 9 a.m. through 12:15 p.m. daily.

It will be held at Kawamech Middle School, which is accessible from Chestnut Street or Morris Avenue in Union. Before and after care are also

available daily for a nominal charge. Tuition is \$310 per child with family discounts.

Many new courses in 2002 and 2003 for students in grades Pre-K thru 12 include Musical Art, Origami and Paper Art, Art With the Artists, Wood Sculpture and Design, Songwriters, and Creative Illustrated Advertising. Also, the musicals under consideration are "Alice in Wonderland" or a revue for grades three to seven, and "Little Shop of Horrors" for grades eight to 12; final selections depend on enrollment.

Parents wishing to have a brochure mailed to them with complete information are asked to provide their name and mailing address, preferably via e-mail, which can be sent to unionmusicsschool@aol.com.

Faxes may be sent to 908-687-7332, and phone inquiries should be directed to Mrs. Frain at 908-851-6470. The Union Music School can be reached via mail at P.O. Box 3566, Union, 07083-1895.

Guild seeks artists for annual juried exhibition

The Arts Guild of Rahway is seeking artworks from artists who live or work in Union County for "Celebrating Excellence: The Merck 2003 Juried Union County Art Show."

This marks the fifth consecutive year that this exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway.

Artists may submit as many as three slides for consideration. All media will be considered, except sculpture due to the multiple use of the art gallery for The Arts Guild Music Series. Craftwork is also not accepted. The maximum size for submitted works is 36 by 36 inches framed. There is no fee required to submit slides. For an entry form and/or prospectus, contact Lawrence Cappiello at 732-381-7511. No entries will be accepted without an official entry form and compliance with conditions.

Jurors for the exhibit this year are Hugo Bastidas, artist, Fulbright Fellow, professor of art at New Jersey City University; Johann Jochowitz, artist, professor of art at Kean University; Nancy J. Ori, photographer, New Jersey Media Center, and an instructor at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts and Somerset Art Center.

In-hand deadline for submission of slides is July 31. Judging will

take place in early August and artists whose work is selected for the exhibit will be held notified by late August.

The exhibit will be held at the Arts Guild of Rahway from Oct. 19 through Nov. 14.

"Celebrating Excellence" is a partnership exhibit sponsored and organized by the Arts Guild of Rahway in collaboration with the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and funded by Merck and Co. Inc.

The Arts Guild of Rahway is a nonprofit multidisciplinary center for the arts located at 1670 Irving St., Rahway. For information, visit www.rahwayartsguild.org, call 732-381-7511 or send e-mail to artsguild1670@earthlink.net.

State's pro theaters will conduct annual auditions

The New Jersey Theater Alliance, the consortium of the state's professional Actor's Equity theaters, will hold auditions Aug. 18 and 19 for Equity performers, and Aug. 20 for non-Equity performers.

Auditions will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in New Brunswick, by appointment only. Preference will be given to New Jersey-based actors. More than 20 professional New Jersey theaters are expected to attend including representatives from McCarter Theater, Paper Mill, George Street Playhouse, the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey and Two Rivers Theater Compa-

ny, along with many others.

To enter the lottery:

A. Send one 8x10 headshot with attached resume. Send a copy of your Equity card if you are a member of the union.

B. Indicate whether or not you intend to sing as part of your audition.

C. Indicate if you are a New Jersey resident or have access to New Jersey housing.

D. Send self-addressed stamped .37 business-size envelope. Any entry without a self-addressed stamped envelope will be disallowed.

E. Mail entries to the New Jersey Theater Alliance, 17 Cook Ave., Madison, 07932. The entry must be postmarked by June 27, 2003.

Failure to follow all of the above directions will cause an entry to be rejected from the lottery. Actors will be notified by mail of their audition appointment, so it is extremely important that the stamped self-addressed envelope have a current address. The audition site in New Jersey is easily accessible by car, train and bus. Directions will be sent if an actor is selected for an appointment.

HEART Grants available

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders invites local nonprofit organizations, individual artists and scholars to apply for funding from the 2003 Union County HEART — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — Grant program.

Recognizing the importance of culture and the arts to the economy and quality of life, the freeholders established the HEART Grants in 1998. This innovative program supports projects related to history, the arts and humanities, and demonstrates a commitment to the artists and nonprofit organizations of Union County.

"The response to the HEART Grant program in the past few years has been exciting," said Freeholder Chairwoman Deborah P. Scanlon. "The recipients are a wonderful mix of creative individuals — poets and writers, painters, photographers, musicians and dancers — plus arts, history and other cultural organizations and civic groups."

"The services provided by these artists, scholars and organizations directly benefit the residents of our county and increase appreciation for the arts, our history, and the humanities," said Freeholder Chester Holmes, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board. "These cultural assets are a vital part of community life, well-being, economic development and cultural tourism in Union County."

To request a HEART Grant application and guidelines, contact the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, 07202. For telephone inquiries, call 908-558-2550, Relay users dial 711. E-mail may be sent to sooen@ucnj.org.

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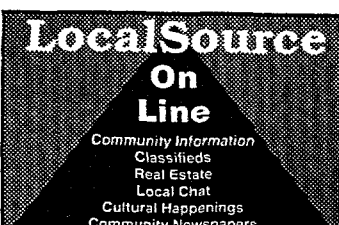
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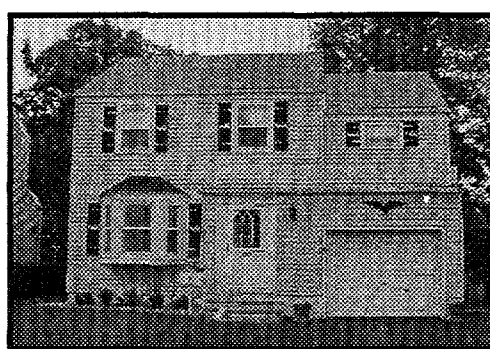
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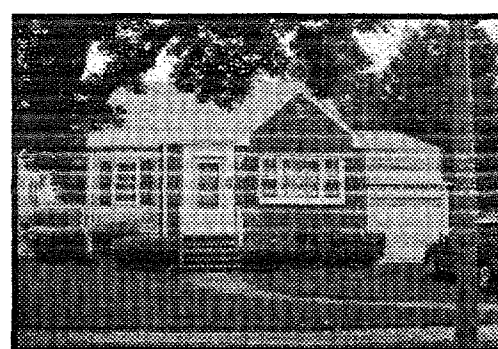
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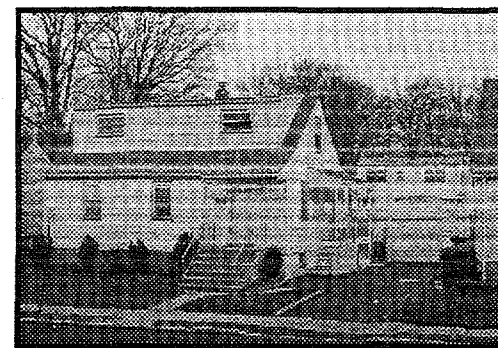
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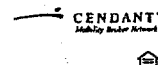
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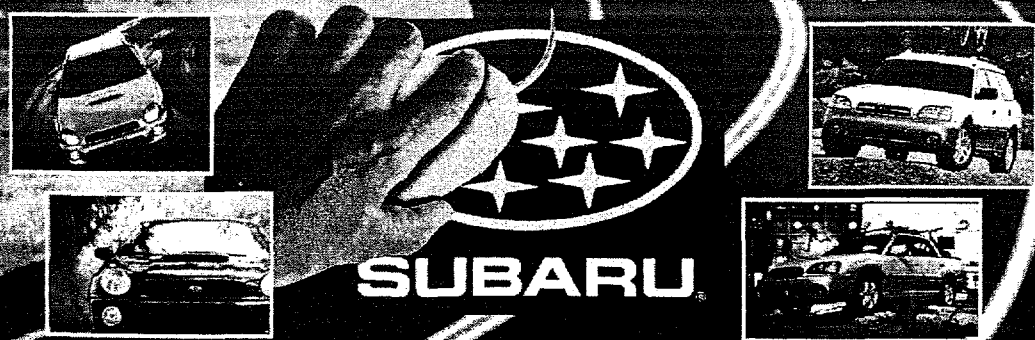
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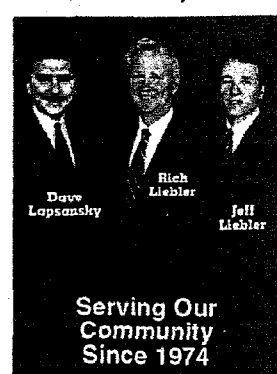


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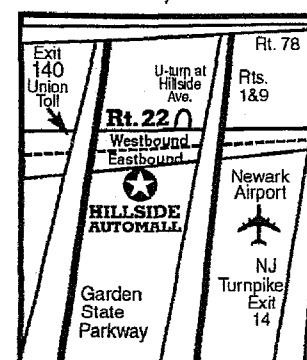
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An intermittent problem is one that doesn't happen all the time. For instance, if your car dies at every stop sign, that problem is not intermittent. If it dies at every other stop sign, that is not an intermittent problem, either. If your car randomly dies at stop signs, that problem is intermittent.

Your mechanic cannot guarantee a diagnosis of intermittent problems. For example, suppose your car has a problem in which, once in awhile, when you come to a stop sign, the engine dies. You put it in park and start it back up and it keeps running just fine. Over the next 10 to 20 days of driving and the next 10 to 50 stops, the engine behaves itself and doesn't stall. Yet, just when you think that your car has somehow fixed itself, it dies again at a stop sign. Curses!

The problem is really starting to annoy you, so you take it in and leave it with me, your mechanic, with instructions to make sure it is fixed before I give it back to you. Now your car's problem has become my problem. I start by test driving the car with you and stop the car several times. The car keeps running just fine at each stop. It's obvious to both of us that the problem qualifies as an intermittent problem. You leave the car with me and I go to work. I spend a couple of hours checking and find several things wrong. You have a cracked windshield, a tire that is just about ready to burst, an intake hose that is cracked and a bad diode in the alternator.

Now, it's obvious that the cracked windshield is a problem and that the tire should be replaced, but we both know that, even though these are problems that should be fixed, fixing them will not solve that stalling at stop signs problem.

The cracked intake hose and the bad diode are things that could cause your car to stall at idle. We have one big problem with this logic: If the cracked hose or the diode is the cause of your stalling problem, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

I call you up, tell you what I have found, and recommend replacing the hose and alternator, but caution you that fixing these two problems may not solve your stalling problem. The only way either of us could know if replacing these things fixed your stalling problem is for one of us to drive the car for 20 days, because

that's how long you say the car has gone without stalling.

At this point, the customer shows frustration. Here I am, the professional mechanic, telling my customer that I suggest spending hard-earned money fixing two things that, even though they test bad, are obviously not causing any problems right now and, on top of that, I am not willing to promise that fixing them is going to cure the car of stalling.

Sometimes a customer will offer to help me in diagnosing the car. Could it be my fuel pump? I know that a co-worker suggested this one, because the co-worker had a similar problem and it turned out to be the fuel pump. My answer to the could it be is yes. It could be that. Once in awhile, the car's fuel pump quits pumping when it comes to stop sign and causes the engine to stall. My question back is, If your fuel pump is bad, why isn't the car stalling for me right now?

Now, there are exotic tests that I can do on the fuel pump, such as an amperage draw and oscilloscope wave pattern tests. These tests take considerable time, which is money. Even if the test shows that the fuel pump is bad, we still will be back in the same predicament as with the cracked hose and the diode. If the pump test bad, why isn't the car stalling right now?

The bottom line is that your mechanic cannot promise to fix an intermittent problem. Sometimes we

can be fairly sure that what we find will fix the problem, but we seldom can be absolutely sure. And, sometimes, we can find absolutely nothing wrong with your car. As you can see, intermittent problems can put a real strain on your relationship with your mechanic.

I think it is imperative that, anytime you're dealing with an intermittent problem, your mechanic should explain before you leave your car with him that he offers no guarantee to find and/or fix the problem. If you agree to these terms, then you have a responsibility not to hold him responsible if what he suggests ends up not curing the problem; and, if he can find nothing wrong, you still have to pay him for his time trying.

If you don't like the idea of paying lots of money for testing and repairs, with absolutely no guarantee up front that your car's problem will be solved, then don't leave your car with that mechanic. You might be able to find another mechanic who is willing to guarantee to find and fix your car's problem but, personally, I think that any mechanic who is willing to do so is either a crook or a fool.

Think about it.
Jon Woods is a certified master mechanic who hosts an auto talk show on station KSDO in San Diego and can be reached through his Web site at www.signonsandiego.com/marketplace/autocenter.sy0cfl

5 Star Shine saves the Navy

When car-care-polish maker Glenn Canady started getting orders from the Navy, he assumed it was to help keep staff cars looking good.

"When I found out what they really had in mind I was floored — and very thrilled," he says.

Canady's firm, based in Rocky Mount, N.C., manufactures 5 Star Shine, a car-polishing system that sells for \$69.95 a bottle.

The real reason the Navy needed his product, he says, is to protect the Aegis Radar defense system.

It was Aegis-equipped destroyers that helped unseat the Taliban in Afghanistan, and the Aegis system is at the heart of guided missile destroyers.

The polish apparently protects the nerve center of these and other vessels from the effects of salt water and harsh marine conditions.

He's not sure how it happened, but he expects there was a problem keeping the Aegis equipment clean, because of the salt water and the amount of exhaust generated by ships.

"My hunch is that someone pretty high up in the Navy was a 5 Star customer who knew what the product could do for a car and that this person said, 'Hey, I've got an idea! The rest is history.'"

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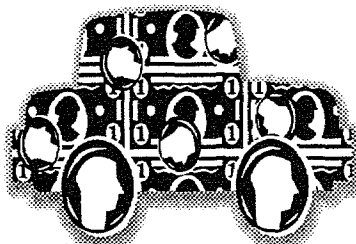
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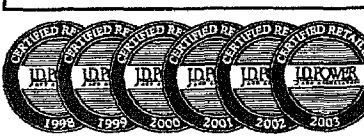
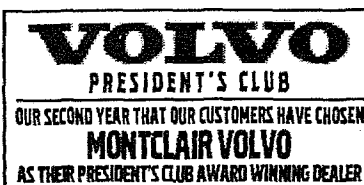
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Cavalier faces an identity crisis

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service

Chevrolet chief Kurt Ritter has been with General Motors for 31 years, all of them at Chevy. And he's facing the toughest decision of his career, he says.

We met recently in Las Vegas at the Specialty Equipment Market Association trade show and he's open to suggestions.

Here's the dilemma: The Cavalier will be completely redesigned for 2005 and Ritter has to decide whether to keep the name or give the car a new one.

"Cavalier" has been an icon for basic transportation since 1982, but Ritter insists that the new one will be a quantum leap from the car on sale today, which could be reason enough to start fresh and file "Cavalier" deep in the archives.

The model will be based on GM's Delta architecture, the same used by the Saturn Ion.

I suggested he keep the name. Put the money and effort that would have gone into finding a new name

into the new car's development budget.

Every time we meet, Ritter asks: "How can I sell more cars in California?"

For starters, how about stop trying to shave another nickel out of each door panel or sun visor and let the new car underpromise and overdeliver?

Ritter must find a way to sell the replacement Cavalier to a generation — Gen Y — that has grown up on imports. That grouping of 17- to 25-year-olds could number 70 million — outnumbering the baby-boom buyers who grew up with GM cars.

To be successful, Ritter needs a small car that will sell in Southern California, where compact imports rule.

In October, there were 14,549 Cavalier sales, of which 60 percent went to real people, not rental fleets, Ritter says.

Those sales are down by more than half from a year ago, but ahead of the Chrysler Neon by 5,000 and behind the Ford Focus by 7,300.

The Toyota Corolla sold 17,600,

but it is the 26,000 Honda Civic sales that Ritter covets, and he thinks he has a chance to cut into those sales with the new model.

A recent GM study suggests Chevrolet is an accessible brand in California, especially to young people and Hispanics.

"To me, as a marketer, that gets you in the door," Ritter says. "That says they will consider you. They won't reject you because of who you are. They will consider what you have to offer. That is a big, big deal for us."

He's hopeful for Gen Y because there are small cars and small trucks in the pipeline for them. But Gen X — the current generation of younger buyers — was a tough sell.

"We really didn't have much to offer them. We had the Corsica, the Lumina and we had '92 Caprices. And from there, those buyers went to the Japanese (brands).

"On the car side, we were our own worst enemy from about 1973 to today. For almost 30 years, we had not broken this code of who we are at Chevrolet. And I think we are about to."

Not every Honda product has wheels

American Honda recently showed its new Pilot SUV to the press and also showcased a couple of its other lesser-known products — generators and water pumps. With fire season getting off to a good start, a generator and pump seem like a smart idea for landowners — especially those with swimming pools — who live in the danger zone of wildfire.

Both of these "tools" are gasoline-powered with four-stroke overhead valve engines that meet EPA and California emission levels.

Honda is one of the few companies that powers its own generators and produces them, said spokesman Sage Marie. "The entire unit is Honda — and Honda sells engines to many generator makers," he says.

Quietness and ease of starting are what separate Honda from the competitors, he says. The company's range of general-purpose pumps begins with a 15-pound, 31cc engine — complete with suction hose, strainer and garden hose coupler — that will pump up to 40 gallons a minute and costs \$330.

Moving up to the 5.5-horsepower rig that can pump 264 gallons a minute will cost \$679. These are MSRPs and may be lower at local stores.

Lightweight, portable generators of 750 to 2,000 watts can keep the lights on, run small appliances and keep computers from crashing.

Prices for these units range from \$789 to \$1,080. A gallons of gas will run the 2,000-watt model for four to 15 hours, depending on the use. Weights range from 28 to 46 pounds.

A 3,000-watt generator — big enough to power the refrigerator, for computers to prevent a dip or surge in power. The engine noise shouldn't interrupt any sleeping neighbors, either.

The smallest 700-watt generator has a decibel level of 56, moving up to 59 describes for the 3,000-watt unit. Compare that with 60 decibels for normal conversation, 80 decibels inside a car at 50 mph, or about 110 for a chain saw.

What used to be largely commercial purchases are moving to the residential consumer, Marie says, such as

for home standby, emergency preparedness, camping and boating. When shopping for a generator, it's important to know how much power will be needed, he says, "What type of appliances, tools or equipment will the user be running and how much generator do they need to power it?"

For example, a coffee maker pulls 1,750 watts, a color television is 300 watts and a refrigerator 700, though it peaks to 2,200 when starting, which must be factored into the wattage requirements. Before you buy, peruse the charts and specs at the corporate Web site: www.honda.com, then click on Power Equipment.

The 2002 Honda CR-V has earned up top ratings in frontal and side impact tests, as performed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The tests are part of the government agency's New Car Assessment Program and were conducted on CR-V models equipped with and without side air bags. Both models achieve top marks for all tests conducted.

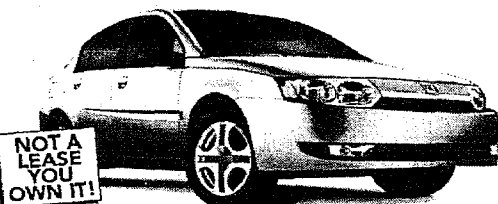
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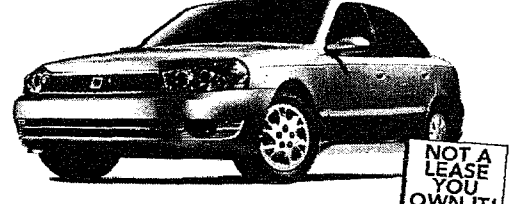
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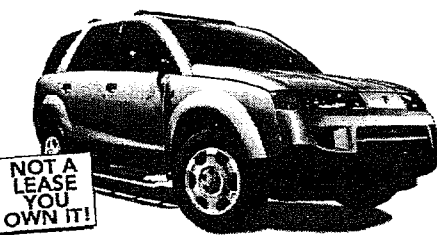
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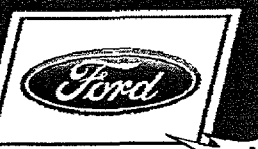
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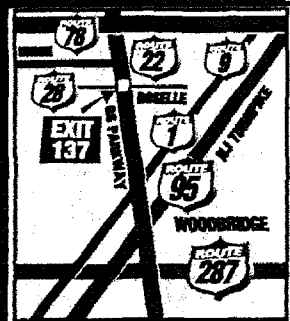


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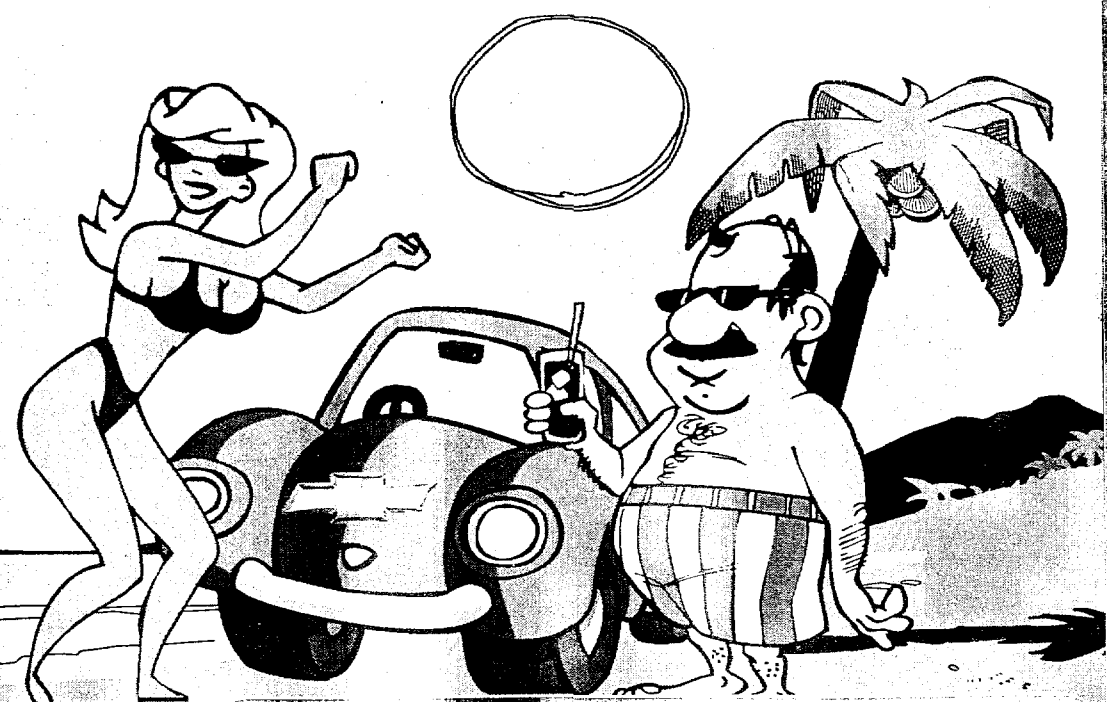
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